





# PREFACE.

THE difficulties attending the production of these "Siege Slips" must be their apology for all shortcomings, whether from the standpoint of the journalist or from that of the artistic printer. The technical obstacles will be understood by the technical critic when he learns that in addition to scarcity of paper, the printing rollers required renewing at the very beginning of the siege, but neither roller moulds nor roller composition were in the town, so the old rollers had to do duty throughout. The work of setting up was also, particularly at the commencement, subject to the frequent interruptions of alarms and calls to arms, necessitating the attention of the whole staff at the outposts and forts, all, from the editor to the labourer, being members of the Town Guard. In addition to those interruptions there were the more frequent occasions when the warning bells made it imperative in the interests of life and limb that the compositors should drop the composing stick and, in a manner the reverse of composing, stick themselves prone on the ground till the hundred pound shell had decided where it would fall and whom it would kill.

These circumstances it must be admitted were not such as are calculated to favour the production of good work either literary or typographic. The "lively Mauser" had also an unpleasant habit of popping through windows and roof with a "ping" that would make us jump. On one occasion a stray and almost spent bullet crashed through a pane of glass and caused a great dust in the type case at which a man was at work. A casual glance around failed to discover any damage done and the typo continued his setting. A few seconds after, having occasion to dip into the cap "W" box he picked therefrom a still warm Mauser bullet. Again, one evening when the sheet was being printed a bullet struck the wall just over the head of the human steam engine. When the dust cleared away the said steam engine, a native, had disappeared. He had not waited even to put his coat on.

Not for personal glorification but solely to excuse the many imperfections we should like to mention that in the wall just at the back of the editorial chair no less than eleven bullets are embedded. Many of them found lodgment there while the editor was at work. On the 11th of November a shrapnel shell burst just over the office, one of the bullets from it, a ball of lead about as big as a marble, came through the roof and struck his chair; fortunately it was unoccupied at the moment.

On January 17th several shells came so near the office that it was considered advisable to send the men away. About three o'clock in the afternoon the editor was submitting some matter to the press censor, and while so occupied a hundred pounder came in through a window, traversed the office and passed through the opposite wall, bursting in the next house and completely demolishing it. In its passage across the office the shell went right by where the shoulder of the writer of these lines would have been only for his forced visit to that much-abused official: the press censor, proving he has uses after all. After this visitation a shell-proof underground composing room was constructed, and henceforth till the raising of the siege type setting was conducted therein. On January 31st, after dark, a hundred pounder exploded at the back corner of the building smashing that end of the office, "pinging" the type and shaking into confusion the contents of twenty-one pairs of typo cases and knocking into one heap over a hundred standing formes and nicely mixing the letters up with bits of brick and ceiling boards. Unfortunately this was accompanied with loss of life. A young man named Jones, a Londoner, from Stepney, a gentle-bearded, good-natured fellow, was passing from his fort, Dixon's Redan, at the back of the *Mut* office, and came full in front of the murderous missile just as it exploded. Altogether we had only three shells in the office, but we were quite satisfied with the number, we are not greedy for shells and did not desire more. The third came in on February 28th. It entered the wall on the eastern side about two feet from the front and three feet six from the floor. Smashing a bench into small pieces, none bigger than a walking-stick, it struck the foundation half way across the office, and bursting knocked an enormous hole through the western wall and another through the front, shattered the last remaining panes of glass and piled up the stationery stock in a mound of waste that filled four carts in removing. The next day linen was nailed over the windows and business was carried on as usual. A door was fixed in the hole made by the shell to enable the editor to shoot out and seek the security of an adjacent "Dug-out," when the warning bell gave notice that the big gun had fired.

When every ream of paper was used and the Chief Staff Officer was informed that the publication of the slip would have to stop, that gentleman kindly issued paper from the Government store upon replacement orders, which accounts for the quality of the paper being much better at the latter end of the siege than it was at the earlier part.

Not only was there the difficulty of interrupted labour to contend with, but the scruples of the Press Censor frequently came in between preparation and publication. This was the case with No. 45, where the few lines with a mild grumble at the dearth of news were ruthlessly cut out, and in various other numbers gaps will be seen showing where his blue pencil has been at work. In one case a column was cut out of the front page. It contained some strictures upon the management of the soup kitchen, but in our opinion it was the gross disrespect and lack of reverence "for a Government institution" suggested by the title, that caused its excision. It was headed "The Stead Stewing and Burgoo Boiling Establishment." How the writer escaped execution is a puzzle. No. 142, containing an account of the Eloff attack, was refused permission to publish till the Headquarter Staff left for the Transvaal, but why it was kept back it is difficult to understand, for for its general accuracy we can vouch.

As we were in the production of these Slips met with every possible obstacle by the working staff, we regret being unable to tender thanks to anybody except the machine printer, Mr. H. Moss, who stood by us throughout, and Mr. J. Robinson, compositor; but we do most cordially thank Major-General Baden-Powell and Lord Edward Cecil, to whom we are indebted for support and encouragement, and also to Colonel Vyvyan, Major Godley and Major Panzera.





Every endeavour has been made to ensure accuracy in the lists of names of garrison and other forces inserted before the SIEGE SLIPS, but absolute correctness is not guaranteed.

## BECHUANALAND RIFLES.

Nominal Roll as at May 17, 1900.

Capt B W Cowan  
Lieut Genmell  
Lieut Minchin  
2nd Lieut McKenna  
Chapl Capt Weekes  
Surg Lieut Hayes  
Q M S Hall  
Sergt-Maj Gwynne  
Sergt Reid  
Sergt O Hulse  
Sergt Bell  
Sergt Cooke  
Sergt Rosenfield  
L-Sergt Smith  
L-Sergt Newson  
Corpl Andrews  
Corpl Pearce-Smith  
Corpl Rowland  
Corpl D R Galbraith  
Corpl Woolnough  
L-Corpl Elston  
L-Corpl P T Galbraith  
L-Corpl Davies  
L-Corpl Paterson  
Bugler Saunders

### Privates

Ashworth  
Attwood  
Brazier  
Bell, F C  
Brown, A

### Privates

Bennett, Geo  
Bennett, T H  
Beland  
Bollen  
Booth  
Banks  
Cranswick  
Cock  
Coleman  
Clow, A E  
Clow, H W  
Congden  
Colley  
Carroll  
Connolly  
Crament  
Churchill  
Dobie  
Divers  
Dudley  
Doyle  
Dunphy  
Dalziel  
Everett  
Elmes  
Fitzgerald  
Forbes  
Forsyth  
Funnell  
Forsyth, Wm  
Gibbons

### Privates

Gordon  
Gardner  
Goold  
Harrell  
Harton  
Hall  
Haslam  
Hunkin  
Hughes  
Harrison  
Horwood  
Hyslop  
Ingham  
Jones  
Jackson  
Jardine  
Knowles  
King  
Kershaw  
Kerr  
Lattlewood  
Leach  
Lund  
Mattison  
Mathias  
Mitchell  
Morse  
Murgatroyd  
Mansfield  
McIlvoy

### Privates

Nettle  
Neale  
Northover  
Neergaard  
Oakden  
O'Connor  
Opsthuizen  
Perkins  
Poland  
Price  
Quayle  
Robins  
Rushon  
Reeb  
Steahler  
Swart, P J  
Swart, C  
Swanson  
Smith  
Shipman, A W  
Shipman, C H  
Shipman, E D  
Turney  
Vize  
Van Niekerk  
Westdyk  
Woodthorpe  
Walker  
Wedderburn  
Young

Mafeking, 25th July, 1900.

## TOWN GUARD, RAILWAY DIVISION.

Comdt Capt J R More  
Lieut and Adj W H  
Walmisley  
Lieut J Buchan  
2nd Lieut E J Layton  
QMS G Simmons  
Sergt-Maj P Moffat (Bgde  
Instr of Signalling)  
Sergt-Maj J Morrilleau  
Staff Clerk N B Hewitt  
Ord Room Sergt W Storey

### Sergeants

G A Greenacre  
W Anderson  
J W S Lowe (Norden-  
felt Gunner)  
W Blair  
S Crossman  
J H Nicholas  
A Vickery, sr

### Corporals

J Mulholland  
P Ward (Maxim Gun-  
ner)  
G Bull (Hotchkiss  
Gunner)  
R Climer  
F H Godson

Driver G Waine (Armoured  
Train)  
Fireman A Moffat (Ar-  
moured Train)

### Privates

A Neilson  
J Sutherland  
T A Clow  
R Northgrave  
J Campbell  
R Cowan  
G B Layton  
R Gordon  
F Green  
T Hampton  
J W Palmer  
W J Dooley  
W Stephenson  
T Maguire  
R Gass  
S Andrews  
J Tebbut  
W Hubbard  
H Olivier  
H von Blerk  
Holland  
W Ferry  
C H Alsopp  
W J Dick

### Privates

F Browne  
P M Gates  
S Jacobs  
D Lee  
S Gillespie  
J W Benecke  
T Fry  
W Smith  
A H Royal  
W Sims  
T Rose  
J Rayne  
A Lees  
J Lawrence  
A Crosbie  
M J Matham  
A Evans  
C H Harries  
T Bishop  
G Fenham  
J Crament  
W M Louw  
L W Benecke  
J W Howarth  
J Morrison  
E Allridge  
H S Brennan  
J Bowden  
W Murphy

### Privates

A Youll  
E H Gates  
L Coughlan  
T K Banks  
M Adams  
E Muller  
E M Gates  
C Gates  
I N Vrittenden  
W Stevenson  
S Hall, jr  
A Vickery, jr  
A J Cozens  
F O'Neil  
J Grace  
S le Cassick  
G Wileox  
D N van der Berg  
D Ritchie  
C W Crament  
P Impey  
J B Russell  
D Campbell  
L Anderson  
T Sampson  
A Dickenson  
A McDonald  
Dresser J Young (Molopo  
Dressing Station)

# RETURN OF TOWN GUARD

(Excluding Railway Division) made up to October 12th, 1900.

## ATTACHED TO DIFFERENT FORTS SUBSEQUENT TO START OF SIEGE.

Ingham, W H  
Morrison, Jno  
O'Connor, P  
Wemyss, E S  
Crosbie, W  
Froude, W  
Bollen, R J  
McMulliu, S  
Bezuidenhout, F  
Forbes, A  
Gooderseau, J C  
Green, G  
McCallum, H  
Hulley, S R  
Soomar Cassim  
Middleditch, C B  
Gardner, T  
McLeod, N  
Smith, S  
Hommel, W  
Kent, H  
Moss, H T  
Anthony, M I  
Booth, F W  
Van Niekerk, F  
Adams, P F B  
Littgvis, A  
McArtbur, J H  
Chenhalls, J A  
Werner, C  
Amod, M  
Crament, J A  
Hubbard, J  
McCorkindale, J  
Slate, F B  
Heskins, J  
Kelley, M  
Baker, B C  
Mansfeldt, J  
Elmes, J H  
Wehster, W  
Godson, F H  
Gates, P M  
Smith, F  
Walker, P  
McKenzie, A  
McKenzie, J N  
Abdulah Shech  
Mattison, J  
Morris, W  
Westland, J S  
Braidwood, A  
Krause, A  
Brown, W J  
Westdyk, J  
Smith, W  
Harris, S S  
Sparks, F  
Northover, H J  
Mitchell, H W  
Swarts, N  
Fisher, J  
Dalziel, R  
Cordon, P F

### SECTION A.

Moore, W  
Grant, J  
Proctor, J  
Tighe, G P  
Orson, W R

Ritchie, A  
Lohmann, F  
Barnes, H B  
Beasley, P C  
Mansfield, F  
Bortbwick, J J  
Penuycook, J  
Gerrans, J  
Turnbull, J  
Aldred, T  
Byrne, D J  
Tiffin, W  
Laursen, J  
McLoughlin, F  
Van Eyssen  
Hickson, G J  
McLoughlin, J  
Bradfield, H C  
Solomon, E  
Ross, E J B  
Beckett, H B  
Hillam, A  
Dressen, W  
Riesle, G  
Whales, G N H  
Crosskill, F  
Beavis, L  
Friend, A H  
Gates, E M  
Whiteley, F  
Lindo, E  
Schrieber, L  
Luyt, G C  
Wraight, F G

### SECTION B.

Algie, J R  
Chiddy, T J  
Mussion, A  
Farquharson, N D  
Bullied, C  
Thomas, P H  
Sheasby, W  
Leech, J H  
McNichol, A  
Martin, H  
Goodyear, C  
Fodisch, O  
Fincham, P M  
Thomson, R F  
Seibert, W  
Carrington, T W  
Campbell, C C  
Joyce, C  
Mahony, W J E  
Jones, J E  
Hampson, W A  
Stigand, A G  
Barry, C J  
Clark, J  
James, E R  
Arnot, J R O  
Clucas, C W  
Brooks, H M  
Bland, W C  
Bergh, O M  
Ellercamp, A  
Gates, W M  
Montagu, F G  
Rising, A C

### SECTION C.

Arnold, A P  
Campbell, A V C  
Fraser, A C  
Gordon, J  
Masters, G  
Robinson, J E  
Williams, C N  
Moser, F  
Martin, F P  
Gillett, A  
Bolus, F  
Davies, D J  
Fleming, J  
Gordon, G  
Meil, G  
Roubach, J  
Walford, G A  
Whiffler, J  
Harvard, J  
Banks, J  
Bridger, D  
Early, H G  
Francis, G  
Humphries, J  
Moore, R  
Stewart, A E  
Winter, J  
Brown, H G  
Pitt, J  
Cohen, Jacob  
Early, E S  
Gordon, A  
Masters, W T  
Peat, T  
Taylor, D  
Wenham, C  
Gates, L M  
Evert, A W J

### SECTION D

Stenson, T G  
Jenkinson, J H  
Neerguard, P  
Coben, I  
Smit, J M  
Hunkin, E R S  
Salitochen, R  
Green, P  
Leach, W  
Watson, F  
Ellis, T  
Roux, G J  
Spiers, R  
Kidwell, C H  
Classen, R  
Stenson, I H  
Haddow, W C  
Talbot, J  
Trollope, P F  
Goldfinch, A H  
Hoffman, J  
Goddard, F  
Jagger, W  
Loubischer, A  
Herd, J B  
Lee, J  
Trollope, W A  
Dawson, A  
Talbot, A J  
Brymer, J

Thomas, L  
Leser, F  
Trollope, O W  
Hulley, W T  
Webster, D  
McMaster, E H  
Jones, F W C  
Dall, J  
Brazier, R, sen.  
Murgatroyd, W T  
Cummings, P  
Talbot, P J  
Ingham, J  
Vos, J H  
Trollope, G V  
Kidwell, C A  
Classen, S  
Denton, O  
Bradley, H H  
Brazier, D  
Firth, F  
Esterhuizen, A  
Talbot, A B  
Long, E  
Botthomley, Alf.  
Oosthuizen, R F

Sworn in after the 12th Oct.

Voss, W  
Dennison, H P  
Salmon, Harry  
Tertis, E  
Park, J S  
Wirsing, W W  
Parkes, J F  
Mitchell, W A  
Bernard, W G  
Southall, E C  
Wright, E C  
Weir, C J  
Mc Lachlan, A W

### COMMANDANTS.

A  
F Whiteley  
sub., G P Tighe

B  
Captain R H Girdwood  
(killed by bullet)  
E C Wright  
sub., A Mussion  
sub., J W de Kock

C  
H H Bradley  
sub., J Hoffman  
sub., Trollope  
sub., Cawood

D  
J Wirtter  
sub., D Taylor  
sub., Mioll



# THE MAFEKING MAIL

## SPECIAL SEIGE SLIP.

ISSUED DAILY, SHELLS PERMITTING.

ONLY TERMS: ONE SHILLING PER WEEK, PAYABLE IN ADVANCE.

No. 1

Mafeking, November 1st, 1899.

Technical difficulties prevented the issue of the "Mafeking Mail" for Saturday last. Those difficulties we hope speedily to surmount. In the meantime we purpose keeping our friends informed of, happenings from day to day; "Oud Kraker" or "Black Maria," *et hoc genus omne* permitting

*The Mafeking Mail.*

MAFEKING, 1ST NOVEMBER, 1899.

### HOW WE ARE TO-DAY.

WE have borne the much-feared bombardment for a fortnight and still Mufeking stands. From what we have experienced we do not consider ourselves too optimistic in anticipating a successful ending to the contest. For the first time in the history of Boer warfare have the Boers been defeated at every turn, by a force far inferior in point of numbers. Since the first attack on Saturday, October 14th they fly directly our guns are heard. Safely out of range they fire into the town but they do not appear to be pining for another attempt at storming Mafeking. In the "general orders" issued last Sunday the following occurs: "The Colonel Commanding having made a careful inspection of the defences of the town and the Native stadt, is now of opinion that no force that the Boers are likely to bring against us could possibly effect an entrance at any point." Now, this is like the advertisements say a certain cocoa is: grateful and comforting, and we feel that having got so far through the ordeal we have only to remain steadfast as the matter of a little time will see decided the first great step towards the settlement of the future of South Africa. There is no doubt that the attention of Great Britain, the Colonies, in fact the whole world is now riveted upon this little spot which is now playing a prominent part in the most important epoch of the history of this wonderful continent. We know there is no need to urge the claims of our country and kindred upon our gallant garrison. Being in such close touch with each other that nothing but the excep-

tional circumstances thrust upon us could have made possible, we are in a position to judge and recognise the steady determination that British blood and British pluck exhibit when such a crisis as the present arises, and we know that the memory of Bronkhurst Spruit, Majuba and Potchefstroom will make that determination, supported by the knowledge of our grand successes of the past fortnight more firm, more strong and more united than has been before, and this, with the grand soldier, who is in command here, will render certain the first stages towards the complete crushing of the enemy.

### AND WILL BE NEXT WEEK.

There is no doubt that there was landed in South Africa by Sunday last a body of fifty-seven thousand men, including probably Twelve or Fourteen Regiments of Cavalry, Twenty or Twenty-two Batteries of Artillery, and Forty Regiments of Infantry, besides, most likely, a body of Mounted Infantry. Of this force there will be not less than Fifteen Thousand disembarked at Capetown and dispatched on road here. They may now be settling accounts with the Boers outside Kimberley, in which case Vryburg might be reached by Sunday, allowing for some delay at Fourteen Streams. When our troops reach Vryburg the air of Mafeking will not suit Cronje's sprinters, so by this day week we may begin to wish them a pleasant journey back to the Transvaal. It will then be merely an interchange of courtesy if we return the visit.

### CRONJE'S WOMEN'S LAAGER GUN.

WHEN the big gun, with which the enemy hoped to pulverise us, and which has sent more shells in the neighbourhood of the Hospital and Women's Laager than in any other parts of the town, is taken by our troops we think it only fair to Mafeking that it should be brought here. It will make a good memorial and be an object lesson to succeeding generations who, reading the history of our bombardment, and seeing the weapon employed against our women and children, will be able to judge of the nineteenth century

Boer's fitness to dominate such a territory as the Transvaal. Let it be placed, say, in the space opposite the entrance to the Railway Station, raised on end, with the unexploded shells piled at its base, with a description of Colonel Baden-Powell's clever defence of the place. We hope the Colonel will bear the town in mind when the disposal of the gun is under discussion.

Major Lord E. Cecil, C.S.O., last evening issued the following under the heading of General Orders:—

The detachment of B.S.A. Police forming the garrison of Cannon Kopje, under command of Colonel Walford, have this day performed a brilliant service by the gallant and determined stand made by them on their post in the face of a very hot shell fire from the enemy.

The intention of the Boers had been, after getting their guns and attacking force, in position during the night, to storm Cannon Kopje at daybreak, and thence to bombard the S.E. portion of the town and to carry it with the large force they had collected in the Molopo Valley.

Their whole scheme has been defeated by the gallant resistance made by the garrison of Cannon Kopje, who not only refused to budge from their position under a cross fire of artillery, but succeeded in inflicting such severe losses on the enemy as compelled him to retreat. In this they were ably assisted by the timely and well-directed fire of a 7-pounder under Lieut Murchison from Ellis's corner.

The Colonel Commanding deplores the loss of the gallant officers and men who fell this day. By the death of Captain the Hon. Douglas Henry Marsham and Captain Charles Alexander Kerr Pechell, Her Majesty loses two officers of exceptional promise and soldierly qualifications.

The Colonel Commanding believes that he is giving voice to the feelings of the whole of the Mafeking garrison in expressing the deepest sympathy with the B. S. A. Police in their loss, and at the same time in congratulating Colonel Walford and his men on their brilliant achievement.



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No 2

Mafeking, November 2nd, 1899.

If the public desire the continuance of these slips we hope that desire will be signified by a sufficiency of subscriptions. Personally we are quite willing to perform our share towards their production without any remuneration, but we have our duty to the proprietors to remember and that remembrance will not allow us to continue the series, if thereby loss is sustained. We have made the subscription low so as to be within the reach of all and hope that having called attention to our position, subscribers enough will respond; so as to enable us to continue the publication

### The Mafeking Mail.

MAFEKING, 2ND NOVEMBER, 1899

#### WARNING.

It may not be universally known that an order from the Colonel Commanding was issued to the effect that the blowing of a horn in the market place signifies that the big gun is directed on the town and that everyone must immediately take shelter. The same signal at the look-out on the western height is to denote that the gun is directed towards the Women's Langer. It is to be feared that continued inactivity has made us careless, and unless proper shelter is at once sought more casualties may happen. Now, although anyone may risk his own life, if he pleases, it must be remembered that every rifle is of value to the whole community, therefore, it is essential, in the interests of others, that the warning be promptly obeyed, and everybody must be sure that he does not by foolishness take unnecessary risk.

#### RABBITS AND THEIR HABITS.

[CONTRIBUTED.]

In England somehow one disassociates the indulging in the harmless pastime of pyrotechnical displays with the month of October. However, in different quarters of the globe different habits prevail. Our friends, the enemy, have here provided us with quite a pretty show and promise us more—so good of them. Well, let us hope that we may return the compli-

ment and that the 5th of November may be our little party and Oom Paul be in future associated with that other harmless bogey, Guy Fawkes, on that fast-decaying national festival. In his time Kruger has played many parts, and if, as his retiring part, he manages to tinge up Guy Fawkes, his advent on the political stage will not have been in vain. As I said before, customs change and traditions alter. In my early youth a rabbit was regarded as a pet, replete with all animal virtues and a love for green meat. As life wore on I regarded him as a low, immoral animal, with a faculty for disappearing underground when I had depended on adding him to somebody else's dinner (for with all my faults I cannot eat a rabbit). I see the error of my ways and so indeed do most of my fellow-belaguers. With stern determination we have culminated the disappearing bunny and hope that our burrows may prove as successful a retreat to us as I can swear it has many a time to our furred colleague. I hereby propose a vote of thanks to the Arch-rabbit, whoever he was and in whatever locality.

#### GENERAL ORDERS.

The officer commanding issued the following last evening:—

*Promotions and Appointments.*—The following promotions have been approved by Colonel Baden-Powell in recognition of the gallantry of the B.S.A.P., pending further authorisation: Lieutenant S. W. J. Scholefield to be Captain, vice Captain the Hon. Douglas Henry Marsham killed in action, to date from the 1st November. Corporal Adrien Hope to be Lieutenant, vice Scholefield promoted, to date from 1st November.

*Medal Rolls.*—Forms of Medal Rolls will be sent round to all unit commanders to be filled in and returned direct to Captain Wilson, A.D.C.

*Damage by Shell Fire.*—Reference to orders of the 30th October, when sending in notifications as to damage sustained by enemy's shell fire, a detailed list of the damage together with an approximate estimate showing value should accompany each application. Forms for this purpose may be obtained from Captain Ryan at Dixon's Hotel.

#### SHOCKING OCCURRENCE.

In the Market Square,

Last Night.

Special Correspondent Dead.

Last night Mr. Ernest G. Parslow, the special correspondent of the London Chronicle and the South African News, was killed by a revolver shot while standing in the lobby of Dixon's Hotel.

Lieutenant Kenneth Murchison, whose name it will be remembered was mentioned in Colonel Baden-Powell's General Orders of Tuesday last, as having so ably assisted in compelling the Boers to retire; by shots from a 7-pounder taken out at Ellis's corner, has been arrested on the capital charge. The event has caused a most profound sensation as both the accused and the deceased were greatly esteemed. The deceased, who has been but a year or two in the country, was, soon after the establishment of the South African News appointed sub-editor in place of Mr. St. Aubyn. Acting under Mr. Albert Cartwright, for whom he had the greatest regard, his cheerful disposition and kindly manner made him many friends, all of whom were most warm in their congratulations on his appointment as war correspondent. He leaves a wife, who is now in Capetown, to mourn this sad fatality.

#### THE PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION.

This morning Lieutenant Kenneth Murchison was charged before C. G. H. Bell, Esq., C.C. & R.M., with the murder of Ernest G. Parslow. The prisoner, who stands 6 feet 4 ins. in height was brought up in custody of Sergt. P. Stuart. In reply to the Resident Magistrate he said his name was Kenneth Murchison and his rank in the Regular Army is Major, but he was till yesterday holding the rank of Lieutenant in the Protectorate Regiment. The first witness called was John Waterson who said he was a Trooper in the Royal Horse Guards, and at present valet to Capt. Wilson, R.H.S., now of Col. Baden-Powell's staff. He deposed that he was at Dixon's Hotel last night about 10 o'clock. He saw the accused there and the

deceased. As they passed him they were conversing in angry tones. He heard both use very high words. They appeared to be very excited. Deceased was rude in his remarks to the accused. He (deceased) said the accused was no gentleman. They were passing towards the front door, walking up the passage from the direction of the Sitting Room. Witness stood on one side to allow them to pass by, deceased came through and he (witness) was then between the two men. He heard a shot fired, he did not see the shooting but first heard the report of a revolver. Immediately after he heard the accused exclaim: "By God, it's an accident!" at the same time deceased dropped forward to the ground. Witness at once turned and took the revolver from the hands of accused. He allowed the weapon to be taken quite quietly and appeared very distressed. Witness did not see him draw the revolver and only knew he had one when he heard the shot. Further examined he said he had heard high words as the two men were crossing the square to the Hotel from the direction of Rieles's. They were neither of them drunk, but spoke in a rational manner, altho they might have been drinking.

This finished witness's evidence. The accused said he had no questions to ask.

Mr. De Kock here entered, having been instructed by Colonel Baden-Powell to defend the prisoner.

William Forsyth, Staff Clerk to Colonel Baden-Powell, was the next witness examined. He proved being at Dixon's Hotel last night. He saw the accused and deceased come into the Hotel together. He heard them talking loudly as they came towards the Hotel. It was 9-30 or 10 o'clock. Lieut. Murchison asked him for a copy of the day's General Orders which he gave him. He (witness) returned along the passage, fastened his dispatch box and was proceeding home when he came upon accused in the lobby reading the orders. He did not see the deceased. The accused said something reflecting on deceased, who came up at the moment, denied being whatever it was that accused had said, and added that if he, accused, were a gentleman or a

man of honour he would come out and fight him. Accused merely told him to go away stating that what he just said did not refer to deceased, but deceased persisted, telling him that if he did not come out to fight him or shoot him—witness was not certain which word was used—he, accused, was no man. Murchison then came out and the next thing he heard was a shot and saw deceased drop down. Accused at once said: "It's an accident, the revolver went off accidentally. He saw Waterson take the revolver away from him; he gave it up freely and seemed much upset at what was done, repeating that it was an accident. Accused then went inside and afterwards told witness that deceased had followed him all over the place and he could not get rid of him. Witness added that no one else was present except Bugler Morgan, who was asleep till the report awakened him.

Mr. De Kock had no questions to ask the witness.

Sergeant P. Stuart, C.P., stationed at Mafeking, was next sworn. He stated that last night he went to Dixon's Hotel. He did not notice the time. He was called there. Acting on the instructions of Captain Wilson he arrested Lieut. Kenneth Murchison. At the time of the arrest, accused was sitting in the hall of the hotel. He was very quiet, appeared dazed and seemed very depressed. On putting on the handcuff prisoner asked: "What have I done, what's this for?" Witness replied that he was charged with shooting a man. Accused said: "That's right, old boy" and didn't speak again till after arriving at the jail, when he said he had never fired the revolver. The Resident Magistrate remanded him till to-morrow, by when the District Surgeon will have made a post mortem examination.

### SOME DELAYED TELEGRAMS.

London, Oct. 13th, Renter to "Mail": How's Mafeking?  
Mafeking, Oct. 13th, "Mail" to Renter: First-class, everything ready.

Capetown, Oct. 14th, Renter to "Mail": You are surrounded with 'em. They are coming to breakfast to-morrow.

Mafeking, Oct. 14th, "Mail" to Renter: Breakfast prepared.

Capetown, Oct. 14th, Renter to "Mail": Did they come?

Mafeking, Oct. 14th, "Mail" to Renter: Yes, and had their fill.

Capetown, Oct. 16th, "Renter to "Mail": What are you doing to-day?

Mafeking, Oct. 16th, "Mail" to Renter: Dodging shells and picking up bits to keep as curios.

Capetown, Oct. 17th, Renter to "Mail": Any damage yesterday?

Mafeking, Oct. 17th, "Mail" to Renter: Yes, two chickens killed, dog frightened, and a window broken.

Capetown, Oct. 18th, Renter to "Mail": Sorry you are cut off; Anything you want?

Mafeking, Oct. 19th, "Mail" to Renter: Yes, send some Boers and a newspaper.

Capetown, Oct. 19th, Renter to "Mail": Have wired for Boers but they don't like Mafeking, so won't come.

London, Oct. 30th, Renter to Mafeking: General Buller says "Hold the fort for I am coming."

Mafeking, Oct. 30th, Mafeking to Renter: Very likely; So did Sankey, years ago. What does it mean?

London, Oct. 30th, Renter to Mafeking: Means 12,000 British and 3,000 Basutos now at Orange River coming steadily to your assistance. More on way from Capetown.

Mafeking, Oct. 30th, Mafeking to Renter: Don't interrupt again unless something interesting. You almost made us revoke.

### WHAT THE "JONGEJES" THINK OF SHELLS.

Last week while the shelling business was at its liveliest three small youths were seen to issue from the town. "Here! here! where are you going?" shouted Sentinel Pumpkin. "Please Sir, we're goin' fishin'" was the reply as he haul'd them back again.

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The Mafoeking Mail.

MAFEKING, 3RD NOVEMBER, 1899.

In the Boer Camp.

ON TUESDAY

### THE DAY OF CRONJE'S DOWNFALL

Some spies were sent from the stad on Monday to inspect the laager down Molopo. They were to get to Molimola first, then return, pretending to be Sanie's people. On their arrival they found that Sanie had already sent a spy for the same purpose, he, therefore, told them to wait till his man returned, lest the double visit complicate matters. Sanie's man reached the laager on Monday evening and was taken to Cronje's camp in the night while the Boers were making a square preparation for last Tuesday's attack. They were very friendly to him and gave him to understand that the fight would last all day, if they did not take Mafoeking sooner. To his surprise firing ceased immediately after 9 o'clock and they returned, some of them crying. He asked one who had been very kind to him the night before: "Why did the boss return so quickly?" "My Jong, de vordoms—knocked spots out of us." A wagon full of dead men arrived from Cronje's kopje while he was there and off-loaded on the other side of the camp. Just when it went back again he was told to leave the laager. Our people then went yesterday to the laager down the Molopo and inspected it. There is no trench except that the ground is raised about a foot high. The big gun that shoots from the west is a few yards this side the camp, quite alone. The tents were further away from it, and further than the tents they sit and converse. The people at that camp may be between 200 and 300. The only strong camp is at Koi Koi, near the Railway Cottage west, where Cronje is. It is surrounded by wagons and stones are piled underneath them. Someone said that they are not as many as they were before, some of them having

left. The men wish they could go, but Cronje tells them to continue shelling

### GENERAL ORDERS.

The Colonel Commanding issued the following last night:—

*Appointments.*—Mr. Ernest Noel Grayson is attached to Colonel Horre's Staff as Galloper from the 31st October, and is entitled to forage for 1 horse and free rations. Dr. T. W. Hayes is appointed Staff Officer to the principal Medical Officer, to date from the 2nd November. Dr. S. Smyth is placed in medical charge of the Women's Laager, and is entitled to pay at the rate of 30s. per day, to date from the 2nd November.

*Fire Discipline.*—Commanders of posts will not allow desultory individual firing at long ranges from their defence works; it wastes ammunition and encourages the enemy. They may, when desirable, direct individual firing from advanced points or volleys when the enemy's sniping becomes too pronounced.

*Watering Horses.*—All horses will be watered, as far as possible after dusk, or in any case at such time as the enemy are not firing.

*Notice.*—Colonel Baden-Powell wishes publicly to express his regret at the death of Mr. Parslow, representative of the "Daily Chronicle." Mr. Vere Stent is appointed executor Dative in the Estate of the late Mr. Parslow.

*Live Stock.*—As it may be found necessary hereafter to slaughter some of the live stock at present at Mafoeking, and as doubt seems to exist regarding the ownership of some of the cattle, owners are reminded that it is advisable to register, with as little delay as possible, all the live stock they possess.

The signal for the expected firing of the big gun has been altered, the blowing of a horn not having proved efficacious. A bell is now rung at Weil's, and at the Women's Laager, while the striking of the railway metal at Dixon's will warn all to take shelter.

### NOTICE.

In the Estate of the late E. G. PARSLOW, Esq., of Capetown, Special Correspondent of the London "Daily Chronicle" and "South African News."

ALL persons claiming to be Creditors in the above Estate are requested to file their claims with the undersigned at the shelter by Julius Weil's, not later than 12 o'clock noon, tomorrow, Saturday, November 4th, and those indebted thereto to pay their debts within the same period.

VERE STENT,  
Executor Dative.

Mafoeking, 3rd Nov., 1899.

### NOTICE

In the Estate of the late E. G. PARSLOW, Esq.

Mr. T. ALDRED,

Having been duly instructed by the Executor Dative herein, will sell by Public Auction,

ON SUNDAY NEXT,

November 6th, 1899,

At 5-30 p.m., in front of the Court House, Mafoeking,

One Grey Horse,

good trotter, been under fire; also

Saddle and Bridle, &c.

### The Market Square Fatality.

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

CONTINUED.

This morning Kenneth Murchison was again brought before the Resident Magistrate, C. G. H. Bell, Esq., C.C. & R.M. Mr. De Koek appeared for the accused. So far as we can learn no one was present to watch the case on behalf of the relatives and friends of deceased.



The witness John Waterston was re-sworn, and pointed out, on a plan of the front portion of Dixon's Hotel, the spots occupied by the actors in this tragedy. He identified the revolver, produced, which he took from the accused. It had remained in his possession since the occurrence. It is a six-chamber revolver, fully loaded with one cartridge exploded. He said that when the shot was fired he stood near the office door while the accused was a few feet from him at the step inside and on the other side of the passage, in line with the open half of the inner glass doors. He did not see accused raise his hand to fire but merely heard the shot and accused's exclamation "By God, it is an accident."

Cross-examined by Mr. De Kock. Deceased was going out and fell on his face. He, witness turned the body over to ascertain whether he was alive, he did not see any weapon upon the deceased he did not search for one.

The District Surgeon not being present to report upon the post-mortem prisoner was remanded till to-morrow.

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### The Mafeking Mail.

MAFEKING, 4TH NOVEMBER, 1899.

#### HOW TO FIGHT.

[BY TRAHN SWELBORE.]

"Take a quantity of coffee, some biltong and tobacco. Ask the Field-cornet where the ammunition is to be met. If he has selected a place it is possible for the enemy's shot to reach, 'bijna praat' him and say you won't go there, verdoem. Then he will name another place. If this is perfectly secure proceed there at a triple, making your Native boy 'loop' behind your horse. If the boy lags and is not ready to make coffee directly you off-saddle, sjambok him well. This will make him more active as well as fulfilling the scriptures. "Then will I visit the transgressions with the rod and their iniquity with stripes. Nevertheless my loving kindness will I not utterly take from him." When you have taken coffee, read two or three chapters from the Holy Book, pray for success, load your Mauser, carefully hide your body behind a schanze and wait for your enemy to pass by. Take care to shoot before he knows he is near to you or he might come over and hurt you. Send your boy to buy some Dop, it will help you to sleep comfortably. The money for this you will, of course, take from any kaffirs who happen to pass. Their clothes you had also better have, as they usually are better clad than we are, and it will give you a more decent appearance if you enter the enemy's town. If, after waiting some time, it does not appear likely the enemy will come out to be shot, send word to him that you will come to his town and kill every man in it; perhaps this will frighten him into surrendering. If he will not at once surrender, arrange with all the Jaus and Dantjes to spread round the town and, secure behind stones and trees, fire into the town all day long so that not only may you perhaps kill or maim women and children, but you might perchance hit a man. This course may be varied by

advancing altogether, towards the town. Do this steadily and so frighten the enemy. He will think you are coming to storm him and you will make him shake awfully, perhaps. Be very careful not to go too near, and above all, be quite ready to turn tail and scoot like mad if you see anything similar to a gun pointed at you. If you find after several trials like this, that the enemy will not let you walk in and loot his stores and generally act as a chosen people might do in the olden times, you must ascribe it to the perverseness of his heart, and, safely entrenching yourselves, get the men of foreign nations to fire their big cannons on the town, but do not stand near the dangerous things while they are being fired. Keep at a safe distance and find out where the women and children, the sick and wounded are, and direct the big shells there. It will hurt these irreligious British more than if you shot at the men. Then read Deut. 28, 52 and wait.

Eh! what's that you say? We are to be shot at, cut with swords, driven away. Al-a-mach-tig. Huis toe Mach gauw mach gauw, Huis toe.

#### GENERAL ORDERS.

Last night's General Orders contained the following:—

The Colonial Contingent under Captain Goodyear have to-day done good service in seizing a point in the Brickfields, from which they were able to stop the enemy's sharpshooters from coming into action against the town. They practically maintained their position in spite of a very heavy musketry and artillery fire throughout the day.

The Colonial Contingent were ably assisted by the Fingoe Contingent under Mr. Daniel Webster.

The only misfortune was that Captain Goodyear himself was wounded in the course of the day.

*Appointments.*—Corpl. H. M. B. Currie, C.P., is placed in temporary command of the Colonial Contingent vice Captain Goodyear wounded in action.

With reference to the appointment of Dr. S. Smyth, placed yesterday in medical charge of the Women's Laager, the appointment

is cancelled, Dr. Smyth being unwilling to assist in medical charge of the garrison.

### The Market Square Fatality.

#### PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

CONTINUED.

#### Result of the Post Mortem.

The hearing of this case was resumed this morning before C. G. H. Bell, Esq., C.C. & R.M.

Mr. De Kock again appeared for the prisoner. Mr. Vere Stent, War Correspondent, was present to watch the case on behalf of the friends of the deceased.

The other War Correspondent, Mr. Hellawell, *Cape Times*, *London Daily Mail*, and *Maritzburg Witness*; and Mr. Hamilton, *London Times*, and *Black and White*, also attended the examination.

The witness, W. Forsyth, recalled said: "the word prisoner used against the deceased before the shot was fired, which witness could not remember at his first examination, was 'Stinker.' Although deceased was not close by he must have heard the word used as he then came forward and challenged accused, who denied having applied the term to deceased but tapped, with his hand, a card hanging in the hotel and said he referred to that, but deceased persisted in saying he had been referred to and wanted to quarrel. Accused told him to go away. I did not wish to remain present at the scene and was going home. I got outside the door when the shot came and Mr. Parslow fell, almost at my feet. I stepped across the body and saw Waterson taking the revolver from prisoner and he asked me to watch accused while he went for Captain Wilson.

The Resident Magistrate asked witness: "Did you hear accused say that he (deceased) brought it on himself?"

"I cannot remember."

Mr. Vere Stent: Will witness deny having said to anyone that accused stated he, deceased, brought it on himself?"

Witness: "I would not deny it."

Mr. De Kock: "When Watson told you to watch prisoner while he went to find Capt. Wilson, did prisoner seem dejected?"

Witness: "No, he seemed very dejected. When accused spoke I thought it was an accident."

Dr. W. Hayes, Principal Medical Officer to Mafeking Garrison, swore, said: "I made a post mortem examination on the body of Ernest G. Parslow on the 2nd of November. I found a hole 2 inches in diameter exactly on the occipital protuberance. The skull was very much damaged. The left lobe of the cerebellum was much torn. The posterior part of the left sphere of the brain was also very much torn and a bullet was found lying on the base of the skull, against the bone. This had caused death." Bullet produced. No questions were asked this witness.

The charge was read over to prisoner, who reserved his defence, and was committed for trial. The Magistrate said that as Martial Law is in force all the papers in connection with the case would be submitted to the Chief Staff Officer.

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### The Mafeking Mail.

MAFEKING, 6TH NOVEMBER, 1899.

We should esteem it a favour if any of our friends who have subscribed for this series of slips and not yet received copies up to No 5, will at once send us word. Where possible we should prefer all the names in one Fort or Redan being sent on the same paper. *No. 1 is out of print.*

#### GUY FAWKES DAY.

There is no doubt that when, the Sunday before last, Commandant Cronje heard the band playing he must have wondered what it was all about. Probably it caused a deal of consternation in the Boer camp. If one field glass operator can be relied on, the burghers hurriedly stood to arms when the first strains of the music were heard. But yesterday's display of rockets and coloured fires must have sorely puzzled poor Oom Piet. We are sorry that it was not convenient to allot him his proper share in the exhibition and chaired him about the town according to time-honoured custom, but we reserve that distinction for him till later; his case being still *sub judice*. Nevertheless he may rest assured that although we dispensed with the public representation, we have in our hearts duly regarded him as the hero of this fifth of November entitled to fill that prominent and warm position usually occupied by the log-headed figure with collapsed unmentionables. Getting tired of his artillery practice from the South side he removed some guns to the Eastern front. Wise men came from the East many years ago. Although Cronje followed their example in coming from that quarter his wisdom has still to be demonstrated. If you could again find yourself whence you came wouldn't you be happy, Commandant? Only a few more days and we will help you back.

#### BOER SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

##### Nothing like Cheek.

We know a man once, a most industrious fellow, who was very particular about not working on

Sunday. He would stick to it till Saturday mid-night, but directly on the stroke of twelve he left his business and went to bed, and took his nine hours' sleep. In the afternoon he took a nap. Immediately on retiring from evening service, off to bed he went rising at half-past eleven so as to start work promptly at twelve o'clock. We thought that was sharp practice, but the Boer goes one better. Yesterday, as usual on Sunday, the enemy stopped firing, presumably to fumble over the bible, but the arch-hypocrite employed the day in building a protection with our bricks in our Brickfields, from which to begin firing on us as soon as dawn broke this morning. We said "he employed the day so building" this is not quite correct, he would have done had not our Colonel Commanding sent him word—we don't know what—but it was enough to make him leave off brick arranging and hurry back to his bible and dop.

This morning when Mr. Boer did his early yawn a Maxim volley caused him incontinently to retire to his trench; and so disturbed his serenity that he has not troubled us with so much "sniping" to-day.

#### TAKE NOTE.

On Saturday the Boers shot a woman in the Laager. Remember this, fellowmen, when you have an opportunity to shoot.

#### HEARD IN THE TRENCHES.

Johnnie, picking up big bit of shell. "If you had come into *contract* with this, it would have spoiled your supper."

#### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENCE.

ENQUIRATOR.—No! "Keating's" will not get rid of them. Another application of *bolus powelli* and *armor trainum pungentum* will probably drive them all away. Had a good stock of preventatives been procured earlier they would not have become a nuisance, the smell of the powder would have been enough to keep them away. As it now is, you had better get the place clear of the vermin as

quickly as you can and in future watch all corners closely. It will then be easy to keep them under.

PRETORIAN.—You are much mistaken, "Providence" is not a Limited Liability nor Joint Stock Concern in which Mr. Kruger holds all the shares. Britain holds some, probably Founders, which rank for dividend in priority.

#### POETS CORNER.

The following has been sent to us and we print it on account of its appropriateness, but we should remind our esteemed—although anonymous—contributor that the rule, which requires the name of the writer to be given, not necessarily for publication, is not abrogated by the introduction of martial law.

#### THE PREVARICATING

##### SHELL-DODGER.

Air: "THE AMOROUS GOLDFISH."

A liar sat in a shell-proof trench  
As most of us liars do,  
As he thought of some lie that would  
petrify  
During Sunday's spell when free from  
shell  
And he thought of a big one too.  
Just then a shell ('twas the first that  
day)  
Came cheerfully bursting a mile away,  
And on this shockingly mild pre-  
text,  
That liar built for himself a text.  
And he cried they can pelt-pelt-pelter  
While I'm safe in this shell-shell-shooter  
And his lies I must state if you  
judge by the weight  
Were up to a welt-welt-welter.

He scattered some dust on his shoulders broad  
And splashed up his face with gore,  
For a tickle, he bought from a kaffir  
who brought  
Some fragments of shell, and the lie  
he would tell:  
These pieces had o'er him tore.  
When Sunday came he wandered  
round  
And told this lie to all he found,  
But even some men, far gone in  
boose,  
Could see that his fragments were  
horses' shoes.

And with all his try-try-trying  
He failed in his ly-ly-lying  
So he climbed in his trench  
And he sat on his bench  
For the "Mauser" started flying.





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MAFEKING, 7th NOVEMBER, 1899.

#### BOERS AGAIN "CHOKED OFF."

##### RAILWAY MEN IN ACTION.

##### "BECHUANALAND RIFLES" IN THE FIELD.

One of Colonel Baden-Powell's nice little treats for the Boers was successfully carried out this morning under the direction of Major Godley. Between 1 and 2 o'clock this morning, under Major Panzera, two seven-pounders and a Hotchkiss were pushed forward on the west front, and with Captain Vernon, and C Squadron, Protectorate Regiment, took up a position commanding the enemy's trenches. Just before dawn the Boers' natives began preparing coffee. The light from their fires showed where shells were wanted, and a seven-pounder opened the ball. It fell short, but No. 2 gun immediately planted a shell right on one of the enemy's waggons. Several others followed on the same spot, utterly demoralising the Boers who were seen scurrying around, apparently unable to find their gun. A few men of the same Squadron, under Captain Sandford were entrenched in a hollow to the right of the guns and fired several volleys with good effect before being replied to. It was noticed the previous evening that although on the other sides of the town more Boers occupied the trenches than had previously been seen in them, those on the west were apparently less full than usual. A rush was made from their big laager to reinforce the entrenchments, but this move was checked by the firing of about twenty men of C Squadron, under Lieut. Holden, who were to the left of the guns, and some of Captain Cowan's Rifles on the extreme right. The Hotchkiss jammed after seven rounds were fired, and when the Boers got to work with some three hundred Mausers, a seven-pound Krupp, their one lb. quick-firing Maxim; and another gun, a perfect hurricane of bullets and shell peppered round our men. A retreat was made, still keeping up the fire. Four or five of our men got slight wounds, but no broken bones.

One gunner had a narrow escape, a shot from the one-pound Maxim took the sole off his boot. Something got wrong with the limbering-up of the Hotchkiss and the horses galloped away without the gun. The men didn't mean leaving that moment of the occasion for the enemy to exult over, so amidst a hailstorm of bullets and hursting shells. Gunners R. Cowan and F. H. Godson attached a rope and, assisted by Trooper Arthur Day, hauled the gun safely away, crossing the sky line, where every figure showed distinctly and might have been hit if the Boers were as good shots as they were supposed to be. Nothing daunted by the shower of lead, these ex-Railway men dragged the gun out of reach of the enemy's fire. If the Boers had intended to attack from that side to-day, while our attention was directed to the east by "Lively Sarah" and the other guns, they altered their mind afterwards. Two ambulance waggons and a couple of scotch carts had an hour's occupation between their trenches and their larger showing that at least some two or three dozen will not come "Mausering" again just yet.

#### GENERAL ORDERS.

Last night's General Orders contained the following:—

**Court Martial.**—A Field General Court Martial will assemble for the trial of Lieutenant G. M. Murchison, on Thursday next, the 9th instant, on such charge as may be brought before them.

**PRESIDENT.**—Colonel C. B. Vyvyan.  
**MEMBERS.**—Major A. G. Godley, Prot. Regiment; Captain G. C. Wilson, A.D.C.; Captain A. P. W. Williams, B. S. A. Police; Captain C. M. Ryan, A.S.C.

**IN WAITING.**—Captain R. J. Vernon, Protectorate Regiment.

**PROSECUTOR.**—Lieutenant S. A. Minchin, "Bechuanaland Rifles."

**JUDOE ADVOCATE.**—Major Lord E. C. Cecil.

The Prisoner will be warned and all witnesses ordered to attend. The time and place to be fixed by the President, who will give due notice to all concerned.

#### Claims: Assessment Damages.

Owners are requested when preferring claims to keep the damage done to any houses on separate forms, should such houses have been erected on different erven.

#### INTERCEPTED BIBLICAL MESSAGES.

From the President of the S. A. Rebelique to Come-and-don't Cronje "And ye shall smite every fenced city and every choice city and shall fell every good tree and stop all wells of water."

Come-and-don't Cronje to Commanding Colonial. "I will camp against thee round about and will lay siege against thee with a mount and I will raise forts against thee; and he that is near shall fall by the sword; and he that remaineth and is besieged shall die by the famine, thus will I accomplish my fury upon them."

Commanding Colonial to Come-and-don't Cronje, "Pooh! likewise Bah!!

From Come-and-don't Cronje to President. "We have shot at them. Heshbon is perished even unto Dihon and we have laid them waste even unto Nophah" and still—they play music and let off fireworks on Sunday.

From the President of the S. A. Rebelique to Come-and-don't Cronje. "Therefore now flee thee thou to thy place. I thought to promote thee to great honour, but lo, the Lord hath kept thee back from honour.

#### POETS CORNER.

We're besieged by the blooming old Boer.

*Air: We're off on a Jubilee Spree.*

We're besieged by the blooming old Boers.  
We're being shelled by their blooming old gun;  
Sometimes we go out and snipe off a few  
And we smile when we see the brutes run.  
They've sent us in briefjes by scores  
And insolent messages too,  
Saying "Surrender," hut the Colonel.  
he smiles  
And says to old Cronje: Pooh! pooh!

They've shot a few hushes and dogs  
And played up Old Harry all round,  
But we gave them cold steel and for mercy they yelled.  
And grovelled like curs on the ground;  
The red lamp is a sign that they love.  
Night attacks they adore one and all.  
But look out old Cronje, the day is close by  
When you'll have a bell of a fall.





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Each subscriber for the new series commencing to-day will be furnished with a numbered ticket. We shall keep a copy of each edition for every ticket thus issued so that the holders may know their papers are lying here and can be obtained at any time. By this means we hope to avoid disappointing our friends, as in the case of No. 1 and No. 2, both of which are out of print.

To His ROYAL HIGHNESS

ALBERT EDWARD,

PRINCE OF WALES,

Greeting.

Mafeking, Beleaguered, wishes Your Highness many happy returns of the day.

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The Mafeking Mail.

MAFEKING, 9TH NOVEMBER, 1899

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### NOTICE.

We are aware that during the tedious hours spent in the trenches by our little garrison innumerable amusing and interesting anecdotes, both personal and otherwise, are often heard, which, if circulated to other parts of the defences, would amuse many of our other defenders. We therefore propose to open our columns for the publication of any such stories sent to us and to give a prize at the end of each week for the best story published. The yarns to be confined to fifty words.

Contributions in the shape of poetry, rhymes or Limericks (fit for publication) will also be gladly received. Brevity in these, however, is requested. Address: Sub-Editor, Dixon's Hotel.

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### WHAT IS A FORTNIGHT?

We could wait twice the time without turning a hair.

The news we publish in another column may be taken as definite and reliable confirmation of the rumours brought by various natives who have straggled into the town. The first direct information received since our isolation. From another source we learn that the investment of Kimberley was raised after three days' fighting. The Free State sent to Kimberley a Commando of 3,500 and four guns, under Major Albrecht. We suppose they must have been reinforced considerably or Kimberley would not have been beleaguered. When Colonel Kekewich reviewed the garrison before the disconnection, it totalled up to 2,500 men, including some six or seven hundred North Lancashires, a considerable number of Yorks Mounted Infantry, Kimberley Rifles and a

strong Town Guard. He also had the Garrison Artillery, the Diamond Fields Artillery, and a Maxim Battery. If we had that little lot for Colonel Baden-Powell to work with, the dead Boers round Mafeking would have created a plague by this time. As it is there is only a tenth part of our force have done any fighting, and the Boers have lost a tenth part of their big Commando. Wait a fortnight? Yes! Six of them if needed.

## GENERAL ORDERS.

Tuesdays General Orders contained the following:—

*Notice.*—1. A surprise against the camp of the enemy to westward of the town was smartly and successfully executed at dawn this morning, by a force under direction of Major Godley.

2. Captain Vernon's Squadron of the Protectorate Regiment, carried out the operation with conspicuous coolness and steadiness.

3. The gunners of the Artillery, under Major Panzera, fought and worked their guns well under very trying fire from enemy.

4. The "Bechuanaland Rifles" are to be congratulated on the efficient services rendered by them under Captain Cowan in this their first engagement in the field.

5. The enemy appear to have suffered severely, while our casualties were luckily very light. This was largely due to the fact that Major Godley delivered his blow suddenly and quickly and withdrew his force again in good time and in good order.

6. The Colonel Commanding has much pleasure in placing on record a plucky piece of work by gunners R. Cowan and F. H. Godson. The Hotchkiss gun, of which they had charge, was overturned and its trail hook broken in the course of the action.

In spite of a very heavy fire from the enemy's 1 pd. Maxim and 7 pd. Krupp these men re attached the trail to the limber by ropes, etc., and brought the gun safely away.

*Arms.*—Commander of Corps are warned to be particularly careful as to the custody of the Arms, Ammunition, Bandoliers, etc., of men wounded or killed in action. The men should be instructed that in case of it being necessary for them to leave their Arms they should disable them. In the case of the Lee-Metford by taking out the bolt so that they may not fall into the hands of the enemy. This is necessary in view of the various forward movements which may be made against the enemy's outposts, etc.

*Bars in Town.*—The keepers of Bars, Public Houses, etc., are warned that should excessive drinking take place on their premises or should they be found to be supplying in any way liquor to men in excessive quantities that they will be liable to a heavy fine and the destruction of their stock, for which no compensation will be given. It is clearly to be understood that no man who, in the opinion of the Bar Keeper has had sufficient liquor, shall be served. Any contravention of this rule will render the proprietor liable to the penalties above mentioned.

The Colonel Commanding publishes the following for information:—

A shell having come into our Hospital yesterday, a letter was sent to General Cronje, remonstrating and pointing out that his Artillery had been firing on the Women's Laager, Hospital and Convent, in spite of previous warnings to him on the subject, and that a bitter feeling was being engendered which might lead to regrettable retribution later on.

Cronje replied that he had fired upon the Convent because he heard we had a Maxim and rifles firing from it

(which is entirely untrue). He made no excuse for firing on the Hospital or Women's Laager.

### NEWS.

The following news has been received to-day:—

The British forces in Natal have had three big and successful engagements at Dundee, Glencoe, and Elandslaagte.

At Glencoe the British charged an almost inaccessible position with the bayonet, the enemy fled, pursued by Cavalry. Many prisoners were taken, including Commandants Kock (Jonberts nephew) and Schiel. On our side Colonel Sherston, D.S.O., was killed, and 31 men; General Symmons and 151 men wounded.

At Elandslaagte the British again attacked over bad ground with complete success. The Lancers charged through the retreating Boers three times. The Boers allow to 300 killed and 300 wounded. British loss killed: Colonel Chisholme, Major Dean, Lieutenant Monroe, Lieutenant Murray and 37 men; wounded: 30 officers and 175 men.

There is also a report of a successful decisive battle at Van Reenen's Pass, where it is said 1,200 Boers were killed and 120 wagons and 15 guns captured by the British.

The detachment of the Cape Police in returning to Kimberley from Vryburg, encountered the Boers and fought them successfully, losing 4 killed, including Elliot, and burying 17 Boers, who had been left on the field.

The following men wounded on the armoured train at Kraaipan, are in Hospital at Vryburg and doing well:—Tillard, Collins and Rossiter; Captain Nesbit is at Pretoria, doing well.

There are several officers and men there as prisoners, probably from the small posts on the Railway, etc.

We shall probably have to sit out another fortnight of siege before we can join the final defeat of the enemy.

### ERRATUM.

In our issue of yesterday  
"twenty men of C Squadron under  
Lient. Holden" should read:  
"twenty men of B Squadron under  
Lient. Welman."

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## A Cricket Match

will be played by Elevens of

Lient. Murray's & Lient. Minchin's

in the Market Square,

## ON SUNDAY NEXT,

at 10 a.m., resuming at 2.30 p.m.

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### LOCAL DEFENCE ACCOUNTS.

**A**LL accounts for goods or labour supplied on above account should be addressed to the Chief Paymaster and must be supported by the necessary orders and receipts.

H GREENER,

Chief Paymaster.

Mafeking, 9th Nov., 1899.

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#### "ON LYING."

[CONTRIBUTED.]

Every man is a liar at heart. Given opportunity and an audience, every man will lie. Some with difficulty, others with the acquired ease of long practice, but all will lie. Don't tell me there are exceptions. Your young Washington that you have known for years and with whom you have chatted on 1098 different subjects and has always talked with as strict a regard for veracity as the multiplication table, your young Washington, I say, will fall when he tackles some subject or other. Fish lead many moderately truthful people from the paths of veracity, and yet I have known men who never worry about fish but become 28-earat liars when they get on to dogs. Many men give their undivided attention to horses, others only lie in the shooting season or get off the track on the subject of parentage, and an honest grocer becomes a belted Earl when miles of ocean roll between himself and proof and a lick-lipping contest with a modest dressmaker becomes a liaison with a Duchess. South Africa breeds a

speciality in the "Horn" liar. When a man gets a sixpenny pair of Hartebeeste from a Kafir and a copy of Selous' book he is fully equipped for the fray. I have always been aware of the many frailties of our race and could always tell by the look of a man on what subjects he was not to be believed. But I have never known of a subject that breeds a liar of every man like a month's shelling. Even the truthful man of peaceful times has a record of the shells that have passed between his legs, and even a parson, paid to inculcate morality, has had a cigar knocked out of his mouth. Rich and poor, Jew and Gentile, all, are more or less affected. This lateat prevaricating "penchant" is rife all round us. The mild church-going youth of times of peace has blunted his hatchet in the competition. The old and settled father of a family has become a riotous romancer and the moderate prevaricator has developed into a lovely liar. The town liar of ordinary piping times of peace now gasps when he struggles with the vastness that the situation offers to his prowess. No one has been killed, hardly anyone has been wounded, but if the German artillerist on the other side knew what rough luck they had had, and could see the number of hair-breadth escapes worked up from every fragment of shrapnel, he would resign

his appointment, retire to the banks of the Rhine, preparing for Monte Carlo, and having calculated: if 1000 shells, each containing 1000 fragments of shrapnel, are fired into a town possessing 1000 people, result in 1,000,000,000 hair-breadth escapes, *i.e.*, 1 escape per man, per fragment having, I contend, brought the calculation to a definite conclusion, and further reduced it to the Nth. power of Z, could he then find how many reds would follow in succession if the black came after the Croupier had said "Faites vos jeux" for the 15th time on a Tuesday.

## MARY AND HER LITTLE LAMBS.

CONTRIBUTED.

Some called her Black Maria and some Creechey, but the name that we loved to call her by best was the sweet old name of Mary—Mary and her little lambs. They were christened lambs because they were alwaysipping and jumping about somewhere—generally where they were least wanted—in such a playful manner. We rabbits used to humour them by dodging into our holes whenever we saw them coming, and then Mary would try to catch us by sending her little ones to quite another part, but our sharp little eyes were always too quick for her and we only laughed softly to ourselves at her dear old simple devices. And so her end drew nigh, and we who had listened lovingly to her cheerful voice, who had watched and waited for her from morn till night, and who had delighted in listening to her low melodious hum as she threw her little shells for the children and the orderlies to play with, we were sorry. Perhaps we hardly knew whether to be the more sorry or the more glad for her untimely end or glad for her approaching relief from pain. It seemed to us that her life had been wasted in some way and that she could have done so

much more with it than merely to have spent it in sending her little lambs to play among our rabbit holes, and so we watched and waited for her end.

## THE BANK.

Several esteemed residents who are suffering great inconvenience by the entire closing of the Bank have suggested that arrangement might be made for it to be opened a couple of hours on Sunday, as no shells are knocking about on that day. Deposits might or might not be received, but there does not seem to be any reason why the Standard Banking Company should not reduce their risks by paying out coin to those having accounts in credit.

## The Market Square Fatality.

A Field General Court Martial was assembled last evening in the Court House for the trial of Lieut. Kenneth Murchison. The construction of the Court Martial was as notified in the General Orders which appeared in these columns yesterday. Mr. J. W. de Kock, Attorney-at-law, was permitted to appear as counsel for the prisoner.

On being asked whether he objected to being tried by Court Martial or to any of the officers comprising the Court, prisoner replied in the negative.

Prisoner pleaded Not Guilty.

The prosecutor, Lieutenant Minchin, briefly sketched the history of the case, the details of which we have already made our readers familiar with. He also said he had been given to understand that prisoner or his counsel would ask for an adjournment to enable them to produce further evidence, but he understood it was now decided not to make such an application. The Judge Advocate, Lord E. Cecil, thought that in any case the Court should be adjourned for twenty-one days till further



evidence is produced. The Court, Lord Cecil said, had a right to adjourn and he therefore requested that to be done.

Mr. De Kock said: "The prisoner wished this Court to try the charge and he (Mr. De Kock) thought he has the right when once the Court is constituted and no objection raised its constitution or jurisdiction by the prisoner, he has the right to have the Court to try the Case. Keeping in view also the fact that a preliminary examination had been taken before the Magistrate. The Court was cleared to consider the matter and on re-admission of the public it was notified that the case would be proceeded with.

The witness, John Waterston, was then called and recapitulated the evidence given at the preliminary examination already published in these columns. The Court adjourned till to-day

## 'ARRY ON SHELLS AND LIARS.

(CONTRIBUTED.)

Shells ain't no blooming picnic!

Afore I kime 'ter Maferking ive pliyed shell, out, and when I was er guest at Roeland Street in Kipe 'Tahn ive shelled peas fer the bloomin' Gov'ner.

But ther shells as "Krutche" talks wiv is a bit 'orf the line. It isn't the damage ther blighters does, ser much as the noise as is made in doing it.

But it's allus ther way, ther more noise yer mike the less beer yer drinks?

Ther Corporala sez as how ther bleeding gun was made in Germany an at that why ther shells is ther sim-shipe as German sorsages.

The gunners is blighters who've done a voetzack from der Vaderland, ses ther Hemporer couldn't git an ther chests for a bit ov orlright soldiering on ther Rhine, for darned little rhino an do ther own fatigues.

They wears niee blue clobber wiv lots ov gold lice, an Oom Paul pays ther Mess bills, while orl ther littlo bits of Dutch skirt mike lav ter ther Mooi Staats Artillerie.

These blokes is called ther Staats Artillerie cos they allus keeps a long ways orf, so as we rushes 'em they've got a good staat for ther Pretoria Handicap.

Afore Crunge started his pop-guns I knew a chap in Maferking who wasn't er bad chap at orl, and I let him stan drinks when we was hout.

But I'm dead orf him nah, he's an orfull liar. He's in, or was in De Kock's Redan, an he wus sich an orfull twister that ther other chaps wanted ter subscribe for er ticket ter Kipe 'Tahn if he'd go on furlov.

'E hed a mawser bullet in his wiseoat poket, an er collection ov bits ov shells which 'E says ed jist missed him. He'd been mopping a bit an his eyes wer bloodshot. 'E says it's sand in his peepers from a bursting shell which jist missed him after bursting jist in front of where 'e stood.

And as the Poet sez, 'E's now

"Lying in his shell-proof trench,  
Where all such liars lie."

Ther's many wiys of getting rid ov these shells. Crunge sends 'em ter our Hospital ter spite ther poor chaps as got 'it when we've been giving his Burghers beams. Some people sends 'em 'ome ter ther mawvers so she'll know as we're orl brave.

Anuvver good wy ter get rid of ther bits, now ther getting er bit ov 'er drug in ther market is fer the Heditor ter offer 'em as prizes for ther best liar in Maferking—open ter orl comers as ther c'rect card says.

My Chum Bill says as 'ow ther is no best in Maferking, ther're the worst liars wot 'E ever met, an he's bin in America. But he hasn't seen Crunge's dispatches—'E can't read General Horders nor pull Crunge's leg like ther Kernel when 'E writes 'is reply.



As fer coolness under fire tike my kise. I was hawking myself past Weil's ther other day—ther's sum nice gals ther as wears white bibs and tuchers an look sweet—and I was chucting a chest you bet, when suddenly I hears a swell bloke as wears spees sye "That's my powder magazine" wiv er sort of pride as one likes ter see when one want's yerter shiver.

'E says, says 'E "Doant be alarmed" and thus cheered up I kept np till I got to my "rabbit hole" when I fainted—ther Corporal allus keeps er bottle ov brandy fer such kises.

Now I corls thet self control, ther bloke wiv their glasses kept calm an calmed me like the sea ov Jerico.

Sum people I know never slept ther night ov that big explosion. I did you bet. But I'd hard luck for ther Cap'tun kime up an says I was asleep on my post. An now I has to 'ang on ter wagon wheels orl day.

Orl the shells cum round my wagou and I'm getting some narrow shives. No thanks? I'm not going te give details. That chap at De Kock's has the belt.

The boer blows windows to bits,  
But seldom he anyone hits,  
Yet we hear a report  
That twice he's been caught  
By steel and by bullets from "Fitz."

## HEARD IN THE TRENCHES.

"Yes, they fire at me every time I go out. This morning the bullets whizzed past me so quickly that the draught they created has given me this bad cold in the head!"

Ex-Military man: "Bullets are nothing, Sir; we get used to them. A soldier's place is where the bullets are thickest." Voice from the dug-out: "Is that why you got into the ammunition wagon last week when the fighting was on?"

"B' G—d, Sir, I've had a narrow escape. I was going me rounds an' I thought I'd like a cigarette, an' b' dad I'd hardly stuck it in me mouth when a shell burst in front of me, and its true as gospel what I'm sayin', for the explosion lit me cigarette; so I've jyst run in t' tell ye."

## LIMERICKS.

[CONTRIBUTED.]

There was an old man at Pretoria  
Who decided to fight Queen Victoria,  
So he sent out his forces,  
Guns, men, and horses  
To Mafeking take,  
Like a breakfast beef steak,  
*Hic jacet Patria et Gloria.*

Round the snug little town Mafeking,  
The bullets did whistle and sing,  
But we cared not a hang  
And said let 'em go bang,  
But a bell for "Maria" we ring.

She was a great gun was "Maria,"  
Whenever she turned her nose hia  
We all went to earth  
For all we were wearth,  
And lay low while she plugged in her fia.

## READ THIS.

Attention is called to our notice of yesterday offering a prize for the BEST YARN, not exceeding fifty words. It is proposed to arrange a LOTTERY in connection with the date of the arrival of Reinforcements, particulars of which will be published in tomorrow's edition. FOUR TICKETS (2s. 6d. each) in this lottery WILL BE GIVEN to the sender of the best yarn next week. Competitors are requested to write only on one side of the paper and address to the Sub-Editor, Dixon's Hotel.

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By the courtesy of the staff we are enabled to print a few extracts from the *Bulawayo Chronicle* of October 27th. Although it does not contain any important news from the South the general tenour strengthens the belief that the Boers have been unsuccessful at every point. This, before our reinforcements have arrived, is a subject for congratulations. We can comfort ourselves with the reflection that tho' the Boers are not yet driven away they are evidently thoroughly cowed and regard Mafeking as a hornet's nest which they don't care about disturbing.

### GENERAL ORDERS.

#### NOTICE.

The following items of news have been received to-day:—

Special Service Corps have been raised in Rhodesia, and a large force under Colonel Holdsworth has moved into the Protectorate. The Natives there have also joined us for service against the Boers.

Captain Llewellyn, with several armoured trains, is repairing the line. The bridge at Crocodile Pools having been destroyed will cause some delay. He has had two successful engagements with the enemy. In the first 11 of the enemy were buried and 13 dead horses found after the fight. In the last one he got near to their laager and played the Maxim into it, causing them a loss of half their horses killed and many wounded. Two ambulances full of wounded went away next day to Swatfontein. Our loss: 1 Native Policemen and 2 horses.

Colonel Plumer's action on the Limpopo, near Rhodes' Drift, was by one Squadron, reconnoitring, against a strong party of Boers. It was a successful fight. We lost 4 killed and 7 wounded. Among the killed was Captain Blackburn. The Boers lost 12 killed and several wounded. Sergeant Shepstone performed a gallant act in bringing away Captain Blackburn, while yet alive, from under fire; for this he has been given a commission as an officer.

Colonel Plumer's Volunteer Squadron, under Colonel Hon. H. White and Captain G. Glyn, attacked some Boers in position near Baynes Drift (29th October), and drove them out, getting 4 men slightly wounded. The Boers have since been reported retiring from Rhodes' Drift towards Pietersburg.

News from the Cape is very sketchy. Kimberley is all well. An armoured train fought and beat the Boers near Warrenton (date not given)

The Army Corps from England did not leave until the 20th October, but the Militia had been called out, which means a big force has been sent; and the Guards had already landed at the Cape. The whole Army Corps is therefore probably now in the country.

From Natal additional information comes that a battle was fought at Thalama on the 29th October, under General French, in which the 10th Rifles and Dublin Fusiliers charged the enemy's position with the bayonet and took it together with 6 guns.

On the 21st another successful battle was fought at Elandslaagte in which the 5th Lancers and 19th Hussars, Natal Horse, and the Manchester Regiment, Gordon Highlanders, Devonshire Regiment, and Royal Artillery all did well. They took 12 guns of the enemy's Artillery, his whole camp and wagons, and a very large number of prisoners. General Sir P. Symonds was severely wounded and has since died.

At Glencoe a column under Colonel Yule fought the enemy on the 23rd of October; the report says "successfully," but the Boers captured a number of our wounded. And there is a report that a second successful engagement at Elandslaagte was fought by Sir George White on the 24th. No details yet to hand.

The only bad news is that the "Shamrock" has been beaten in the Anglo-American Yacht Race.

evidence given at the opening of the case, was put in by the prosecutor, Lieut. Minchin. The witness, W. Forsyth, was examined and gave evidence, in substance similar to that he gave at the preliminary enquiry. He had seen the prisoner and deceased dining together at Rieslo's Hotel earlier in the evening, apparently on good terms. He saw them enter Dixon's Hotel about 10 o'clock and heard part of an altercation between them. He could not swear to the exact words used; he was frightened but was positive that prisoner said to him after the occurrence: "It went off against him," referring to the revolver. He had a faint remembrance that accused said: "He brought it on himself."

Asked by the Court why, if he could not remember, he volunteered to say so.

Witness replied that on the following morning several War Correspondents came to him and questioned upon the occurrence, and one of them, Mr Hamilton, states, that he told him accused said "He brought it on himself," therefore it must have been true or he would not have said it. He could not swear positively now to the words being used by prisoner, but he could swear that prisoner said "he (deceased) had followed him all over the place."

Questioned why he had expressed sorrow for the prisoner, he said because he believed he had killed deceased, even if only by an accident, the ground for his belief being: there was no one else there; he (witness) knew Watson had no pistol; and besides, they had already been quarrelling.

Court adjourned till Monday.

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## The Market Square Fatality.

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On Saturday evening last the Field General Court Martial again assembled. Notice of the calling of further witnesses not included in the summary of

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## ANOTHER ACCIDENT.

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### Firing on the Ambulance.

After the encounter of the 21st near Tuli while our wounded and dead were being placed in a cart the enemy opened a hot fire and killed two horses.

## MAFEKING S'AMUSE.

On Saturday afternoon, in defiance of shells, a Football meeting was held in the Market Square, and much needed exercise was enjoyed by those taking part in the game.

Yesterday the devotional Boer laying aside his Manser and giving old "Creeche" a rest, enabled Lieutenant Moncrieffe (Protectorate Regiment), and Lieut. (Sub-Insp.) Murray, of the C. P., to take eleven to the same spot for a cricket match. With reference to the announcement in our column on Thursday last about this fixture Lieut. Minchin's name was inadvertently printed instead of Lieut. Moncrieffe's. We regret the error and hope it has not caused annoyance to the owner of the substituted name. Sunday is the only day on which it is safe to give the men an opportunity to run off the stiffness which life in the trenches engenders so without being considered regardless of the feelings of those sections of the community who do not quite approve of such proceedings being taken on the first day of the week, we must express gratification at the fact that advantage was taken of the armistice to play a match. The following is the score:—

SIXE MATCH BETWEEN LIEUT. MURRAY'S AND

LIEUT. MONCRIEFFE'S XI.

R. Moncrieffe b Jenkins	2
Captain Sandford b Lamplough	4
Capt. Fitz-Clarence c Arnold b Jenkins	3
Trooper Harper run out	0
Corpl. Metcalfe c Geyer b Lamplough	1
J. Moss b Hazlerigg	1
W. Elliott b Lamplough	1
Trooper Taber c and b Lamplough	16
Tpr. Hodgson c Mahony b Lamplough	0
Tpr. Hully c Wenham b Lamplough	2
Lodgo not out	4
Extras	7
Total	41

LIEUT. MURRAY'S XI.

W. L. Lamplough not out	28
W. Mahony b Moncrieffe	6
A. Hazlerigg b Elliott	4
J. Arnold b Elliott	0
W. Geyer not out	11
Sergeant Jenkins	
W. Hellawell	} Did not bat. ■
C. Wenham	
Trooper Stevens	
Taylor	
A. D. Murray	
Extras	2
Total	51

Result: Win for Lieut. Murray's XI. by 10 runs and 7 wickets.

## TEXT OF THE MARTIAL LAW PROCLAMATION

### In the Transvaal.

Published in Pretoria, Tuesday evening, October 10th

Whereas owing to unusual military preparations on the borders of this Republic and the massing of troops in the territory of Her Majesty the Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, the safety of this State is in danger, and whereas a period of 48 hours has been extended to Her Majesty's Government, terminating this afternoon at 5 o'clock, for giving to the Government of the South African Republic an assurance to reduce the troops gathered by Her Majesty's Government to the number present in South Africa in June last, and to remove all troops from the South African Republic's borders and to keep back and not to land any of the troops already on the waters, and in default of which the Government of the South African Republic would regard this manner of action as a formal declaration of war, and whereas Her Majesty's Government has refused to comply and it is now necessary to protect this territory and the people in the South African Republic and to bring them to a defensible position, &c., &c.

Nothing mentioned about going out side their own territory.

Further down occurs the following :

And all armed troops who may rebelliously rise or will oppose the lawful authority of the South African Republic and who dispute the supremacy of that authority, are warned of the consequences of their actions.

Does the President include the Mafeking Town Guard?

Re-printed from the

## 'BULAWAYO CHRONICLE' of October 27th :—

October 23rd, 2-35 p.m.—Newcastle and Lang's Nek are occupied by the Boers.

In addition to cutting the wires south of Kimberley the Boers tore up the railway north of Modder River and blew up the bridge.

## AFTER THE 14TH.

"Mr. Riley, going to Crocodile Pools, met a runner with despatches and natives journeying from Johannesburg. They reported that the Boers suffered severe loss around Mafeking. They saw three wagon loads of dead and more lying on the ground. Another native saw four wagons arrive in Zeerust with the wounded.

"Commandants Dantje Botha, of Jacobsdal, and Louw, of Malmani, are dead. Mr. Louw, the Volksraad member, is wounded.

"The armoured train, north, under Captain Llewellyn, opened fired on a number of Boers, (? October 23rd or 24th) with a Maxim and poured 500 shots in to their laager. Considerable damage was done to the enemy.

"Lieut. Cole, with 21 men, was expected to arrive at Crocodile Pools from Kaue on the 26th October.

"Macloutsi is being strongly reinforced. Lieut. Kinsman has reported himself there with all his police from outlying stations.

"With regard to the Boers stationed there (Pont Drift) they are stated to be without doubt the best shots in the Transvaal. The Boers who were round Mafeking and parties of whom destroyed the track and wires, will be Boers of the Marico and Zeerust districts. They are not the same skilled shots as the first-named, but that does not necessarily mean they are poor shots."

## LADY JANE.

[CONTRIBUTED.]

Damsel of repellant feature,  
Truth, you are a noisome creature,  
Lady with repugnant mouth,  
Wish to goodness you'd go South,  
Here no longer need you stay,  
Just to please me go away,  
Distance doth enlance a view,  
Same remark applies to you :  
Many playmates South you'll find,  
Much more suited to your kind,  
As others smaller do exist  
You alone would not be missed.

What ! wanted at the telephone,  
Therefore all ideas have flown ;  
Goodbye, gentle Kreeje, farewell saucy  
lass,  
Any time you're roaming  
Pleased to see you pass.

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### The Mafeking Mail

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#### THE SILENT BOER.

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The quietness of the Boers during the past few days does not suggest increasing pugnacity on their part. They are certainly weakening. The supposition that they are awaiting reinforcements before they again attack, hardly seems feasible. We question the possibility of assistance being spared from any quarter to help the Boers, now outside this town. The commandos which were first told off to "walk into Mafeking" was supplemented by the Free State Boers. One of the refugees who had previously lived in the Orange Free State recognised, and was recognised by, several of them who were at Louw's farm the week hostilities broke out, and the events of the past four weeks have given quite enough occupation for every man the two States can find. If the enemy did take steps to bring forward assistance from South so much the better for us. It would weaken the opposition between Kimberley and this place and give them enough courage to try another attack, which would be repulsed

with such damage as to entirely dispirit them. It would have to be a very large accession to their numbers before these "sprinters" could be stimulated to make another attempt to take the town, and the quantity of "Dop" required would be enormous, and such large numbers they have not got. We are not inclined to under-estimate the total numbers against us, but even at the fullest calculation the Boers cannot now recover their position or even gain points. We are of opinion that the total force the Boers could muster was no less than 70,000. We know that we may be in the smallest possible minority in this opinion but we are prepared to uphold it. In 1890 the Free State had over 17,000 between the ages of 16 and 60, liable to be called upon to bear arms. A new country, in the ordinary course of nature, doubles itself in twenty-five years. This we may safely take as a fair estimate for the natural increase of both the Republics. If it be urged that the natural increase depends upon food supply, which is deficient in parts of both States, instances may be quoted to prove that the natural increase of white races is not so affected. On the contrary, in some continental countries where the food supply is abundant, the natural increase is slower than in parts of Germany where the labouring classes scarcely get enough to keep flesh on

their bones. Taking the natural increase at the average for new countries, we must add between 6,000 and 7,000 to the 17,000 in 1890, giving 23,000 available for fighting from the Free State. In the Transvaal the number of men available, that is to say between the ages of 16 and 60, in 1890 was 37,378. The population of the Transvaal increased from 119,128 in 1890 to 160,000 in 1896, say thirty three per cent. We may conclude the same rate would be maintained till the present year, but will set off against the past three years' increase, which would be 20,000, those who have left the country, and keep as a basis of calculation the ascertained figures in 1896. As the population increased by a third from 1890 to 1896 the available fighters would have increased pro rata. We must therefore assume that the 37,378 men in 1898 had grown to 49,834 adding those of the Free State, a total force of, say 70,000, which were disposed of thus:—

Natal Border, northernmost point,	12,000
Harrismith .. ..	8,000
Utrecht and Vryheid .. ..	5,000
Hiedelberg, Standerton & Ermelo	6,000
Rouxville, Bethulie .. ..	5,000
Modder River and Kimberley district Border .. ..	8,000
Mafeking .. ..	4,000
Fourteen Streams to Taunus ..	2,000
Orange River .. ..	2,000
Pretoria .. ..	1,000
Johannesburg .. ..	500
Bloemfontein .. ..	500
Vereeniging .. ..	2,000
Small parties stationed at all the drifts, and Reserve .. ..	14,000

If they withdraw any portion of their troops to help besiege Mafeking they must leave the other points weaker, so much the better for us as there is no force they are likely to bring to attack here which we could not keep off. But they cannot expect to get any help, and as they are apparently afraid to make an organised attack, without it they will have to sit

down and watch. In the meantime, instead of increasing their numbers, they have already sent some away. Two guns and some twelve to twenty wagons left on Sunday evening, and if, as is most likely, they will be defeated, the effect will be further demoralization of those remaining, whose courage is already nearly at vanishing point. There is one thing the Boers may be assured of, that Mafeking to a man, will be here ready for them whenever they attempt to come, and till then we can sit tight, as we have done from the commencement, and are prepared to do till the end. Our sentiments on the whole question we can express later when the settling up comes, but for the present we will unite in firm defiance of the wretched herd now surrounding us.

## A DIALOGUE OF "TO-DAY."

[CONTRIBUTED.]

The woman smiled sadly as the man who sat beside her continued speaking. "You know," said she, "love covers a multitude of sins." "Sins of omission," asked he with an air which marks a casual commonplace. "Such love as ours is a false combination," began the woman with pretty hesitancy. "False, dear lady; fanciful, not false." "The term upsets you," she enquired. "It is an inversion of the picturesque," said he. "A bad man would have found consolation in the epithet," she replied. "Let us leave to the world the consolation of conjecture," enjoined the man. "The intimacy cannot continue." "Is it too commonplace?" enquired her companion. "Is not all love common?" she asked. "But the world pays homage to you, dear lady," said the man. "There is no safety in numbers," said she didactically. "No safety, can there



be no exception?" he began. "None, now — unless —" "Unless?" said the man gently. "He loved sincerely," said she, her voice sinking to a whisper. "Is it possible nowadays?" said the man. "Sincerity is so very trying; mine goes only a very little way." The woman moved petulantly and sighed. "And the effort — is it not worth —?" she broke off. "Dear lady," said he, "there is little which survives being thought of." "There exists infinitely less of what is worthy," said she bitterly. "But these are only the issues of our philosophy," he expostulated. "But we lived after our own fashion," said she. "And loved — why not admit the merely beautiful?" said the man frankly. "Frankness among some men being but another basis for deceit. 'It was very wicked,' said the woman contritely. "Wickedness, dear lady, is the one romantic element in life," said he. "We women love so much," said she reflectively. "I assure you it takes a very plain woman to be bad," he said with some affectation of thought. "No woman is quite so bad that she has not some redeeming virtue," said she. "Virtue is an anomaly. Your sex should be nothing if not tender." "And forgiving! Heavens, how much we women forgive," she cried. "How much we men forgive," he retorted. "The story is always the same," said she, "life began with a man and a woman in a garden." "And ends with the revelations," said he. "We must bury it," she murmured. "All that is buried is not dead," said the man; "memory is a whitened sepulchre." "It is killing me," she cried; "the petty subterfuges, the constant exactions it makes upon us. Can you not understand? Have you no tact at all?" "I understand," said he quietly, "but I am afraid I have very little tact." The woman remained silent. "We might — marry!" said he, with the air of one crucified. "Matrimony

is only a *mauvais quart d'heure* — with supreme moments." "We have already enjoyed our moments," said the woman. "Besides, what is the good of being a married woman among women who are already married?" asked the man. "Our hour is over," said she after some pause, "we must do nothing — only go away." "Leave you," said he, "is it possible?" But love is a woman's natural source of reflection, and this woman had, as some women can do, decided. Each had risen and they stood silently together, the man waiting for the woman to act. "The past is dead and — done with," said she presently. "But I believe," said he, "that the future is only the past entered over by another gate." The woman moved off crying gently. "It is a horrible belief; let it be your compensation," said she, and they went their ways.

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[The contributor having forgotten what it is all about, we suppose.— Editor].

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## WONDERS.

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We wonder when the next post will arrive

We wonder why those twenty-eight police Mr. Schriener sent to save Mafeking from the Boers have not arrived yet to do so.

We wonder what use Mafeking would make of the same Mr. Schriener if he were here.

We wonder whether the Boers know that song, the chorus of which runs:—

A white light's "all right,"

A green light's "caution."

When you see the red light there's danger on the line.

We wonder why a siege makes every body so inordinately dry; so indiscriminately dry.

We wonder whether the picturesque expressions used in the trenches are also used by the *artistes* when at home.

We wonder whether Cronje knows that his wretched old gun merely amuses him and doesn't hurt us.

We wonder whether, and when, he will commit suicide, as the only easy way out of his difficulty.

## POETS CORNER.

### A PROPHECY.

[CONTRIBUTED.]

When the last brave deed is told  
Of the warriors gay and bold,  
And the Vikings in Valhalla are safely  
stowed away;  
When the last "Mansèring" Dopper  
Is carved in bronze or copper,  
And Kitchener and Baden-Powell are blown  
about in clay.

When the world is chelly poodles,  
With some scientific noodles  
And bravery's a memory that scarcely brings  
a thrill,  
And the poet goes a rhyming  
With an Academic tuning,  
And lashes up a frenzy on a monthly washing  
bill.

When some ballad singer rises,  
(In these ages of surprises)  
And searches through the records for a sub-  
ject fit to sing,  
He will pass such stories by  
Waterloo, El-Teb, Dargai,  
While he braces up and tackles  
"The Defence of Mafeking."

He will paint each doughty hero  
From his courage point of Zero,  
With the stout Civilian lying in the trenches  
week by week  
And the Critics will start trying  
To find what he means by "lying,"  
And the world will be disrupted in that aeon  
of the meek.

Then a verse will deal with "Greitje,"  
In a measure somewhat screechy  
And Fitz-Clarence will be landed in a verse  
all on his own,  
Although he and all the doughty  
Heroes of that Thursday sortie  
Will be ages past the stage that we can  
recognise as bone.

Let us cheer ourselves by thinking  
In the intervals of drinking  
Of the glory that will shroud us A.D. 3899,  
Let us join in giving Cronje  
And his fighting men their congé  
And the glory that's to come will be all yours  
my friend and—mine.

### THE VANISHING BOER.

Has anyone seen the quick running Boer?  
Oh where, Oh where can he be?  
We thought to have from  
Old Maria more bon,  
But no more bang bon sends she.

The Boer can't be well. The Mafeking air  
With his "tummy" doesn't agree,  
He came for his "breakfast,"  
Now dinner time's past,  
Perhaps he's gone home for his tea

Take advice dik kop farmers and run away  
home,  
On your farms we'll very soon be,  
And wheu, with our "Krechies" we give  
you salute  
You shall see,—well, just what you'll see.

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### RAILWAY COLLISION.

A fatal railway accident occurred on October 12th, at Three Sisters, a small station just outside Beaufort West. The passenger train for the North was running in duplicate and the second portion ran into the first, which was standing at the station. Eight passengers were killed and seven wounded. No Mafeking names appear on the list.

### TELEGRAMS FROM CAPETOWN.

**Infantry turn the Boers out of their holes with the bayonet and Cavalry charge the "Sprinters."**

Our Troops, 5th Lancers, 1st Squad 4th Dragoon Guards, Imperial Light Horse, 2 Field Batteries, Devonshire Regiment, half Gordons and half Manchester, attacked small force of enemy in a naturally strong position which was also strongly entrenched, at Elands-laagte. As it was late in the afternoon the infantry attacked without waiting for the position to be properly shelled. The advance was made with great dash and in spite of the resistance made by the enemy, our men carried it at the point of the bayonet, capturing guns, wagons, stores, and camp equipments. The ground traversed by our men was rough and broken and eminently suited to the tactics of the enemy. The capture of it was a fine feat of arms. As soon as the position had been carried the Cavalry, who had lapped well round the position, got well home at the fugitives, charging right through them three times and effecting severe loss. The Boer loss was very heavy and a number of prisoners were taken, among them General Kock, Commandant Schiel and Piet Joubert, nephew of the Commandant General. The wounded of both sides were taken to Ladysmith—thus in two days small British forces have twice attacked the Boers in their chosen position and have utterly defeated them.

October 20th, Battle of Glencoe.—British losses, killed: 1 officer, 31 men; wounded: 124 officers, 151 men. Boer losses: 300 killed, 300 wounded.

### A SORTIE FROM KIMBERLEY.

#### BOERS DRIVEN OFF.

#### BOTHA KILLED.

The following has been issued from the office of the C.S.O.:—

Despatches have been received from Capetown to-day. They confirm in full the reports previously received of brilliant and decisive victories gained by our troops in Natal. The forces were acting in two columns at Glencoe and Elands-laagte respectively. The fighting was hard and our losses heavy but the enemy were thoroughly broken and their Artillery captured.

Her Majesty the Queen telegraphed her admiration of the work done and her sympathies for the wounded. Troops have been rapidly arriving from England at Capetown; Sir Redvers Buller arriving on the 29th October.

At Kimberley the garrison went out and attacked the enemy on the 24th. A successful battle resulted in which the Boers were routed with considerable loss. Their leader, Commandant Botha, of Boshoff, was killed. Our casualties were 4 killed and 18 wounded. The Boers then retired from the neighbourhood. Kimberley is well supplied with provisions and water.

Enthusiasm for the war in England is unbounded. Fourteen Battalions, including the Guards, have left as well as contingents from all the Colonies. The Boers had false telegrams sent to Europe regarding their success at Mafeking. Since the truth became known there has been much elation at our holding out alight.

### DO HOLD THESE DESPERATE PEOPLE BACK.

In a wire from Vryburg, dated 13th October, we learn that

*"Several townspeople expressed their willingness to take up arms, if invited."*

### NOTICE.

Telegrams on hand for the following persons may be had on application to Mr. Campbell at Dixon's Hotel. All other telegrams have been duly delivered.—

W. Arnold; Cole; Cohen (Fish Merchant); Davie; Johnson, Mrs. (two); A. Keen; Melesi (Saul); McLaughlin; Nettle; Pillay; Pasha (Mahomet); Proctor; Max; Squir, Ordnance Department.





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MAFEKING, 16TH NOVEMBER, 1899

#### FURTHER DETAILS OF THE GLENCOE AND ELANDSLAAGTE FIGHTS.

#### BOERS KEEP WHITE FLAGS READY IN THEIR TRENCHES.

The *Cape Times* of Monday, October 23rd, gives a detailed account of the battle of Glencoe, from which we cut the following:—

At dawn on Friday (20th) the enemy had got their guns into position on the top of Dundee Hill overlooking the town. At 6 o'clock the first shell was fired. Our No. 2 Battery took up a position south of the town and after a quarter of an hour's magnificent fire silenced the enemy's guns on the hill. The Boers by this time were swarming over Dundee Hill, behind Smith's farm and on Dundee Koppie to the south. They crept round on the north side of the Koppie and ensconced themselves under cover of the Native kraals, rocks, bushes, &c., and our artillery fired direct on them. At the same time the Boers showed themselves in strong force at the top of Dundee Hill, our artillery limbered up and moved to a height close by. The Boers had an almost impregnable position. Our men were cool as could be and the officers led them with conspicuous gallantry under a heavy artillery fire. The hill behind Peter Smith's house was stormed by our Infantry and carried with marvellous bravery, the incline being steep as a house, and the Boer forces at the top were estimated between six thousand and eight thousand, while we had only two thousand Infantry. The Dublin Fusiliers were engaged in the thickest part of the fight. The Leicesters protected the west. The King's Royal Rifles advanced on the hill while the Royal Irish Fusiliers supported their left. When the top was finally reached the Boers displayed a white flag at the end of a bamboo pole and the victory was won. The other force of Boers then went in full retreat towards Landman's Drift. We captured some prisoners and a quantity of shells. Numbers of Boers, wounded and dead, were seen; it is estimated their loss was quite three hundred killed. We lost over a hundred. The battle lasted over eight hours. Amongst our killed was Capt. M. H. K. Pechell, of the King's Royal Rifle Corps—a brother, we are informed, of the gallant officer who fell in the attack on Cannou Koppie.

What will be known as the Battle of Elands Laagte was fought on Saturday, October 21st. The Boers were posted at the base of a sugar loaf hill almost two miles southeast from Elands Laagte, in a series of kopjes beyond Modderspruit, which is some ten miles north from Ladysmith, on the Newcastle Road, with an opening for retreat in the direction of Wessels' Nek. They had three big guns posted high on the kopjes commanding the country. The Boers opened the ball by shelling the armoured train. Our artillery had not sufficiently long range to be of any use. About a hundred of the enemy were seen riding to another point some two miles further on. Two squadrons of Lancers and a squadron of Imperial Light Horse were escorting the 12nd Battery of Artillery towards the spot. They speedily opened fire on the ridge behind which the enemy had taken cover and in a few minutes drove them out and back to the main body. At half-past two our forces moved forward. About three o'clock the enemy began firing from the ridges. The Infantry composed of the Manchesters, the Devons and the Gordons, along with the Lancers, the Light Horse and the Dragoons, proceeded to march up the rise. The 42nd and 21st Batteries of Artillery brought up the rear. No sooner did our Cavalry attain the summit of the rise than the enemy's artillery opened fire on them. Our artillery then galloped into action and within twenty minutes the enemy's battery was silenced and our force proceeded to take up a position on the crest of the ridge immediately facing the enemy. Again the Boers' big guns opened fire with shrapnel and Maxims on our advancing squadrons and once again our artillery galloped forward to take up a fresh position, the 42nd posting on the enemy's left flank, and for two solid hours and a quarter an artillery duel was fought. Our shells must have been fearfully effective. The first firing was about five thousand yards from the first ridge and about three thousand yards from the second ridge, the rapid artillery movement being excellent. During the deadly hoarse rattle and roar of big guns and maxims, our Light Horse and Lancers were advancing, and by a quarter to six the Gordons and Manchesters and Light Horse were ready to storm the position from the enemy's front and left flank and the signal for the bayonet charge was made. Then was seen one of the most splendid pieces of storming possible to conceive. The Devons took the lead, closely followed by the other three regiments, all in the face of a tremendous and killing fire. They charged and were

checked by the awful fusillade of Boer rifles; undaunted they again rushed to the attack, again to be warded off. Then with a wild and ringing cheer, such as only British throats and lungs can give utterance to, the whole force charged and with an exultant shout, rushed with bayonets set, on the Boers. Here, as at Dundee, they had a white flag in the trenches ready for use and at once hoisted it and surrendered. It was too dark to ascertain the Dutch losses, which must have been severe. One of the wounded said that if he had known the English soldiers could shoot like that he would never have come. Our wounded was heavy but not considerable in view of the odds. Reuter's correspondent in the field estimated it at about a hundred. One estimate of the Boer losses is about four hundred, which is probably well within the mark. As the prisoners came into Ladysmith the Natives cheered and asked where their passes were. General Koch, who was taken prisoner by the Imperial troops, is a member of the Executive Council, of Pretoria, is known as "Fighting Koch" and went forward to the front with tremendous ceremony. Captain Schiel is a German who joined the Transvaal forces some years ago and is better known as the oppressor of natives in the north of the Transvaal. Piet Joubert is nephew to the General. Some of the Boer prisoners complain that the artillery was their ruin and say they they should have kept to their old methods.

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### THE BOERS FIRE ON THE WOUNDED.

The *Cape Times*' Special Correspondent says: "It makes British blood boil to think that while the Gordons were bringing in their wounded a dropping fire should have been opened on them."

Woolf Simpson was badly wounded in the thigh.

The Devons, escorting their wounded to Ladysmith, waved three Boer flags they had captured.

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From Kuruman a private communication states that it was Pvt. H. J. Elliot of the C.P. who fell at Macfarlane's, not Insp. Elliot. Pvt. R. S. Mackenzie, formerly stationed here, was also killed at the same place.

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A Pretoria wire says that the Revd. Adriaan Hofmeyr, who was taken prisoner at Lobatsi with three Englishmen and four women, are to be tried by Court Martial, incriminating documents having been found in their possession. Having read of previous instances of Boer method and knowing their feelings towards the reverend gentleman, it is easy to appreciate at its true value the "incriminating documents" statement.

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MAFEKING, 17TH NOVEMBER, 1899.

### The Market Square Fatality.

The Court Martial again assembled on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Lord C. Bentinck, Judge Advocate in place of Lord E. Cecil, unable to attend through illness.

The witness (Forsyth) was cross-examined by Mr. De Kock as to the nature of the discussion between prisoner and deceased, and Mr. O. Fodisch gave his opinion as a gun expert on the similarity of the bullet taken from the skull of deceased and those remaining undischarged in the revolver.

Mr. Geyer, A.R.M., proved the course of the bullet from Dr. Hayes to the hands of the Chief Staff Officer.

Leonard Thomas Stevens, Protectorate Regiment, proved that accused, while in the passage immediately after the shot, used the words: "He threatened me. It was an accident I didn't mean to shoot the man."

Mr. De Kock notified to the Court the lines his defence would take. He will submit that from the evidence there is no case before the Court. There may be an explanation necessary but that he is prepared to give.

Dr. Hayes, re-called, gave his opinion as to the direction from which the shot must have been fired, and the Court adjourned.

On re-assembling last evening the accused made a statement as follows:—

"About 5-30 p.m., on the 1st of this month, I was at the school house with my guns, placing them into position (for firing). I suddenly turned round and saw the deceased standing with a rifle in his hands, holding it at the port. I knew him by sight. He told me that he wanted to have a shot at the enemy and that he had leave from Colonel Baden-Powell. He asked me where was the best place to go to and I told him Ellis' corner. Just then someone came in sight, and he, Mr. Parslow, asked me if I would go and dine with him that night. I told him I was busy and he went off in the direction of Ellis' Corner. I found a place that suited me and fired these four rounds. As I came back I walked with Major Panzera and left him at 7 o'clock. It was dark. I did not see deceased again till a quarter to eight the same evening at Riesle's Hotel. He was outside. I got there first. He came in afterwards. I dined with him and Mr. Hamilton. Mr. and Mrs.

Riesle also came in and they sat at the same table for perhaps the last half hour we were there. The party broke up about 9-30 or 9-15 and came out on to the verandah. I said good night and asked jokingly if anyone was coming to see me home. I had previously dined at Riesle's with Mr. Hamilton and he had walked part of the way back with me. On this occasion Mr. Parslow volunteered to come along with me. We walked across the Square towards Dr. Hayes' Consulting Room, next to Dixon's Hotel. We got nearly opposite Dr. Hayes' and then I knew why Mr. Parslow had volunteered to come home with me. He suddenly stopped and accused me of having said something against him, I concluded, during dinner. I was so taken with the suddenness with which he challenged me to fight. I practically apologised to him, telling him that I had said nothing against him. He persisted, said I was no gentleman, and as I am a much stronger man than he, I concluded he wanted to ruin me by getting me to strike him a blow. Had I done so I should have been up for an assault—or that he wanted an excuse to shoot me. So convinced was I that he was going to assault me that I went round so as to get on the other side of him, moving round on to deceased's right so that I could use my right arm, my left having been injured in 1892. I wanted to protect myself in case he tried to attack me by hitting him straight on. I asked him to wait till the following morning and I would discuss the matter with him. I said I had to go to Dixon's for a copy of the orders. He laughed at the idea of this. I got away by walking on in front and went to Dixon's. Forsyth was in the recess. I asked him for a copy of the orders. He gave me one. Deceased followed me there and also asked Forsyth for a copy of the orders. He imitated my tone. I took no notice. He went away out of the hotel. I walked into the passage and stood near the card rack. I was very much upset at the suddenness of the attack and thought that Forsyth had noticed it; that my manner had shewed it, and to account for this to Forsyth I said: 'That man is a Stinker.' I said it in a very low tone. Immediately, almost at once, the deceased, Parslow, rushed down the passage from the door. He rushed up to me, quite close to me and said that I had called him 'Stinker.' He said that he was determined to fight. I tried to pacify him by saying I didn't allude to him. I touched a card in the card rack—I don't know

what card it was, there was only one there—and said: ‘I was alluding to that.’ He said something about shooting and as he said this I said to him—to pass it off jokingly—‘What do you want me to do? Do you want me to fight you with fists, seven-pounders or what? for I won’t.’ I had previously told him to go away. As I said that, I moved round him, as he had practically shut me against the wall, and went and sat in a chair in the recess. Forsyth was just going away with his papers. Deceased came up to me while I sat on the chair, bent over me and said: ‘You are no gentleman.’ I laughed and said: ‘Oh! yes, I am, by education.’ He went away and I thought he was gone. I took my revolver out of its case and laid it on the table, keeping the cord round my neck. I did this for two reasons; one, because it was my custom always to sleep with the lanyard round my neck. I have slept so every night since the siege. I was very tired, partly through the interview with Parslow, and also wanting sleep. I take my revolver out always and put it in my great coat pocket, or my trousers, because when it is in its case it is in the way when I attempt to lie down. I have often crossed the Square in the same way with the revolver in my hand, preparatory to turning in, when I slept on the stoep at Wirsing’s where my detachment was, I always slept in uniform either on the verandah or in the yard. The other reason was to protect myself in case the deceased, Parslow, should shoot at me on my way back. I got up from the chair, picked up the revolver in my hand, a few seconds after deceased went round the corner, I went along the passage a short distance, the revolver in my hand, I was weary, I bumped against the wall through weariness and carelessness combined. I did not care whether I bumped against the wall or not; the revolver exploded about that time. I don’t know what caused it. I didn’t see Parslow fall. I had seen him going towards the door, the light was not very good. It was a dim light, very poor. I continued down the passage to go home when Waterston came towards me and said something about——. I could not give his

exact words, which made me conclude that somebody was hurt. I think I went down to the recess. I was very much upset. I sat down and tried to think. Forsyth came up and I recollect the Sergt. of Police coming up. When I got near to the jail I told him I, never before in my life had I, fired off a revolver. I recollect Forsyth coming up and shaking me by the hand, and I recollect several other people coming up, also the witness, Stevens, rushing past. I have never fired a revolver before as I explained to the Sergeant of Police on reaching the jail. I carried one for about eighteen months, but I never fired one before. I don’t even know now how it went off.”

Examined by Mr. De Kock: I did not render any aid to deceased therefore I am not sure in my mind that the shot from my revolver, killed deceased I did not aim at him. I didn’t see him fall, and only know now from hearsay that he is dead.

By the Court; I take it the intention he means to convey is that the revolver might have gone off by accident without his pulling the trigger.

Mr. De Kock, not being well, here left the Court.

Prisoner continuing, said: “That is so, Sir. I should like to say that this explanation was reserved at the suggestion of my legal adviser. I was ready to give it at the preliminary examination but of course I could not have recollected the whole then.”

Accused asked that his evidence might be read over to him, which was done. He took exception to the clause referring to his placing the revolver in his overcoat pocket, which, he said, was not correct, he usually held it in his hand. Noted accordingly.

The Court adjourned till this evening.

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The Mafeking Mail.

MAFEKING, 20TH NOVEMBER, 1899.

REUTER'S AGENCY.

LONDON, October 11th.—The Lord Mayor of London opened a Relief Fund in aid of distressed refugees from the Transvaal. Large sums of money were already contributed.

We learn, since that no less than £120,000 was subscribed at the Mansion House in a day or two.

Lord Roseberry has written a letter in which he states that the ultimatum closed up the ranks of the nation and stops all party politics.

The Second Brigade, 1st Division, of the Army Corps under the command of General Mildyard, will embark for South Africa on the 20th. It consists of the Second Devonshires, West Yorkshire, East Surrey, West Surrey.

LONDON, October 12th.—Mr. Balfour, speaking at Dundee, said war had been forced upon Great Britain, not by men fighting for freedom but by an oligarchy who feared its hour of domination was nearing an end. The choice of the British Government lay between insisting on equality for the white races, or Great Britain losing her claim to be a nation.

Mr. Asquith, speaking at Dundee, upheld the right of the Government to intervene on behalf of British subjects. As a paramount power it was impossible for Great Britain to shirk the issue raised by the Transvaal's ill-inspired despatch.

The Czarewitsch Stakes was won by Scintillant, Exceldoune second and Mitchad third.

LONDON, October 17th (Reuter).—The opposition in both Houses, while deploring war with the South African Republic, agreed that the extraordinary ultimatum left the Government no option and promised hearty support.

Lord Salisbury, referring to the future, declared that we must insist upon Great Britain being the sovereign and paramount power in South Africa and that the white races should be placed on an equality. An amendment to the Address was defeated by 322 to 54.

A "Diamond Fields Advertiser," dated October 28th, arrived here on Tuesday last. We did not get hold of it till to day but hasten now to reprint some extracts.

"On break of dawn on Thursday morning (12th October) 500 picked men of the Rustenburg and Marico

commandos detached from General Cronje's main body broke camp and swiftly sped away for the frontier." [We may believe this as we have seen them more than once "swiftly sped" towards the frontier].

### GRAND SUCCESS OF THE BOERS AT RAMATHLABAMA.

"The men of the Bechuanaland Border Police (2), a contractor, and two gangers were surrounded by our Burghers" [this was the Marico contingent which consisted of 850], "surrendered and are now prisoners of war."

### WE HOPE THIS IS TRUE.

"Intelligence has reached Capetown to the effect that 370 Boers wounded in the fighting outside Mafeking have been removed to the Johannesburg hospital for treatment."

A man who left that town on Monday, the 16th October, said that preparations were being made for the reception of 450 wounded outside Mafeking. [Well, they'll want it].

### OUR PREVARICATING SHELL-DODGER CAN'T COMPETE WITH THE BOERS.

This is how the Transvaal dispatch writer lets himself go:—

"Our ranks were reinforced by the Marico contingent which had *sacked the British camp at Ramathlabama*." Higher up in the same dispatch we read: "The flying vanguard crossed the border at two spots, the Marico contingent under 'General' Snyman, near Ramathlabama, and the Rustenburg detachment, under 'General' De la Rey at Rooigrond. Our forces once in the enemy's country immediately set to work to demolish his line of communication." [Safe work this; none of the Mafeking garrison near].

"The Marico commando also met with no resistance at Ramathlabama."

### THIS IS WHAT THEY TELL ABOUT THE DYNAMITE TRUCKS.

"Whilst General De la Rey's commando was completing the destruction of the railway line, an engine with two trucks was espied steaming from Mafeking with the supposed intention of anticipating our forces in devastating the permanent way. It had reached



a siding seven miles north of the town, when the burghers charged out of cover and opened a well-directed fire at 300 yards range. The driver of the engine, perceiving his peril, uncoupled the locomotive from the trucks, and, switching off on to the down line, emerged unscathed through a hail of bullets, and returned at a furious rate to Mafeking.

The deserted trucks, left at a standstill, were riddled with shot. They contained dynamite, and a terrible explosion took place. The wagons were blown to pieces, but although many of the burghers were within range of the falling debris, no casualties occurred. The railway line was also destroyed for a considerable distance.

### AND THIS ABOUT LIEUTENANT NESBITT'S TRAIN.

"We were unmolested until late in the evening, when shortly after 11 o'clock an armoured train, consisting of a locomotive and two wagons, containing a detachment of Col. Baden-Powell's Mafeking column, was seen by our advanced line of patrols approaching the derailed spot. The troops in the train opened a desultory fire, but their practice, despite the moonlight night, was reckless and ineffective. The train was driven over in the track, and ploughed its way into the veld, coming to a complete standstill. The British troops maintained an irregular fusillade through the night.

The encounter recommenced at day-break, but the British, after having nine men seriously wounded, ceased firing and surrendered, a captain and 31 men being taken prisoners. There were no casualties on our side.

The burghers, who had been under arms and in the saddle for over 24 hours, after a brief respite for breakfast resumed their advance on Mafeking, destroying the railway line on march.

[If it were 31 men, that number included some civilians, British, from the Marico district, who had taken refuge in the train and were unarmed. The Captain they refer to is, of course, Nesbitt, who had about a dozen men with him and 850 against him.

### ISN'T HE A WICKED OLD-----?

A proclamation issued on the 17th October by General Jonbert to the inhabitants of Natal and Cape Colony, says "the Government and people of Republic have been forced into war by evil-disposed capitalists and war-like British Ministers, and they must now stand and fight in the true interests of their independence, and for the welfare and interests of the whole of South Africa and its people, irrespective of place or origin."

"We fight for our existence as a nation, and we are bound to risk our lives and give our blood therefore.

We will, however, carry on this war forced upon us according to civilised and humane usages and under the guidance of an all-directing God."

## HONORS FOR CRONJE.

Natives report that Commandant Cronje is withdrawn from Mafeking and goes to assist on the Natal border. We congratulate the Commandant on his advancement from the charge of such a trifling undertaking as the capture of Mafeking to take part in meeting British troops. Promotion which his success here makes him deservedly entitled to.

The Bulawayo Town Council decided to dispatch the following wires:—

Hirschler, Deputy Mayor, Bulawayo, to Colonel Baden-Powell, Mafeking.

"On behalf of myself and Town Council and inhabitants of Bulawayo I beg to convey to you and troops under your command our great admiration and pride at the magnificent and gallant defence of Mafeking, and our fervent wishes for continued success."

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Hirschler, Deputy Mayor, Bulawayo, to Mayor, Mafeking.

"The Town Council and people of Bulawayo greatly admire the gallantry and stout-heartedness of the inhabitants of Mafeking, and rejoice in its successful defence. Mafeking deserves well of the Empire and Queen."

### LADYSMITH ENGAGEMENT.

A cablegram dated 11th November, says Twenty "Thousand Boers invested Ladysmith from 30th October to 3rd of November. The British forces there amount to 10,000. On the 30th a big fight took place in which a small column of 800 men, under Col. Carleton, was sent to attack a ridge held by the enemy, which they successfully did on their way back the mules carrying their ammunition and guns stampeded and broke away. The force was attacked but held on to its position till their supply of ammunition was expended and they were then captured by the Boers. This loss has been magnified by the Boers into two thousand. The remainder of the fight was a success for us. The Naval Brigade joined in with their big guns, which, after a duel with the enemy's big gun, called by our own men "Long Tom," completely knocked it out as well as several other guns. On the 2nd the Cavalry and Field Artillery were engaged under General French, and on the 3rd the Cavalry under Colonel Broeklehmst caught the Boers in the open. The Boers hoisted the white flag, but when our troops came near, fired volleys at them. The Lancers, Dragoons and Hussars charged, without waiting for orders, followed by others with the bayonet. They got in and caused great slaughter. Native eye-witnesses say they went through the Boers like water, wiping them all out, the Dutchmen howling for mercy. The following day three regiments of Cavalry were sent after a column of the enemy, who were moving towards

Colenso. They got in with cold steel and cut them up.

The enemy is reported to have lost 1,246 killed and large number of prisoners. Ladysmith is reported crammed with prisoners.

Bremersdorp has been burned to the ground and looted, which looks as though the Swazies have taken arms against the Boers.

A strongly fortified British camp has been established at De Aar, under General Wood. General Gatacre, with the 3rd Division of the Field Army Corps, has landed at East London.

Naval Brigade, with 20 guns, landed at Durban on the 8th instant.

### FIGHTING AT COLENZO.

"There was an engagement at Colenso, also resulting to our advantage. No details to hand yet."

DURBAN, Nov. 4th.—Communication by wire and rail with Ladysmith has been cut off, and General White's force is isolated, the Boers closely investing. He is, however, entirely safe. Our force commanding the railway bridge over the Tugeli River at Colenso is likely to have, therefore to retire to Eastcourt.

Five thousand Imperial troops are due to arrive here (Durban) about the 12th November, which will relieve the strain.

Dr. Jim is shut up in Ladysmith.

Mr. Rhodes is dittoed in Kimberley. To relieve Kimberley and the North five thousand Imperial troops (equal to 10,000 Boers) were sent and were due to arrive during the first week in November, say 3rd or 4th inst., so Kimberley is alright now. Our turn is coming. Altogether we are getting on very nicely all round.

Further from the "Bulawayo Chronicle" of November 10th, we learn:—It appears to be certain that a large force will be concentrated in the north of the Colony and to relieve Kimberley and Mafeking, and an advance in force will be made into the Free State. When this takes place the position of the Boers opposite Ladysmith will be most precarious as they must of necessity then withdraw part of their forces from before a continually reinforced enemy, thereby putting themselves in danger of an entire rout.

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### LONDON'S CENEROSITY.

One hundred and twenty thousand pounds were raised in a few days at the Mansion House for the relief of the refugees from the Transvaal.

### NO MORE "CELO" FOR THE ARME BOER

The Standard Bank at Capetown have, and will retain, possession of gold to the tune of £150,000, shipped per "Kinfauns Castle," for the Transvaal Government. Which was seized as soon as the vessel came into Table Bay on Tuesday, the 24th ult. This will help to off-set the commandeering of the gold from the train by the Boers, before hostilities commenced.

### MAFEKING ENTHUSES CAPETOWN.

Great enthusiasm prevails here (Capetown) at the brilliant victory at Mafeking.

### MERRIMAN AND SAUER MOBBED.

We learn that the state of feeling in Capetown at the present time is such that it is deemed necessary for the Premier to have a body guard night and day, while Messrs. Merriman and Sauer were recently mobbed and obliged to take refuge in the Grand Hotel.

### S.A.R. Dr. to AMERICA Cr.

America has entered a big claim against the South African Republic in respect of loss and damage sustained by American subjects in connection with recent events.

### REINFORCEMENTS FROM THE COLONIES.

From the *Bulawayo Chronicle* of November 10th we learn that the New South Wales detachment, as we have already stated it would do, left England about the middle of October. The Australian contingent, numbering about 5,000, left that colony about the same date, i.e., 15th Oct., and is doubtless now in South Africa; a further 5,000 from India is also on its way to Durban. 1,000 Grenadier Guards left London on the 21st October. It is probable that to-day there are 52,000 troops in the country. "So we are getting on very nicely all round."

### WOULDN'T WE, THOUGH.

It is stated that General White refuses to allow the use of the new Lyddite shells.

### SIEGE PRICES.

On the 18th the Colonel Commanding in General Orders fixed the maximum Siege prices, that sellers may charge as follows:—

Kafir Corn and Mealies, per 200 lbs., 40 shillings.

Flour, per 100 lbs., 30 shillings.

Boer Meal, best sifted, per 200 lbs., 50 shillings.

### COURT OF SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

MONDAY, NOV. 20th, 1899.

*Before Major Goold-Adams and C.G.H. Bell, Esq., C.C. & R.M.*

Seakeco, charged with being a suspected spy, was found not guilty.

July and Diamond, charged with stealing fowl, said Johannes stole the fowl from an Indian's house near the Bulawayo Road, and handed it to them. All three sentenced to twelve waggles of the cat's tail.

A European, John Vos, charged with stealing ten shillings from a Kafir, was remanded.

Two drunks and a disturbance creator were discharged.

### THE FUTURE OF THE BOERS.

The "D.F.A." quotes from "Spectator" *inter alia*:—"No doubt a few reckless and 'heady' bodies have talked about putting the Boers into their proper place, but no one seriously



believes that if we conquer the Transvaal we shall for a moment dream of turning the Boers into Uitlanders. We shall at once introduce the most absolute equality between the races. If by that last phrase the "Spectator" and the "D.F.A." mean that we shall adopt the bilingual parliament upon a similar representation, to the one which has proved nearly the wreck of the Cape Colony, they are mistaken. We have seen enough of the evils resulting from that, and British Colonists will take good care not to allow a repetition or extension of such a failure.

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## JOHANNESBURG LEADER

### STOPPED PRO TEMPORE.

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The "Leader" stopped on October 12th. In its dignified *au revoir* article it says: "It would not be seemly to continue its issue after the proclamation, which would be out at 10 o'clock that morning, even if it was permitted by the authorities, as it probably would not be, and it would be equally distasteful to remain in the new position of spy in what we must now feel is the enemy's camp," and it concludes by saying "We are content, no less than President Kruger, to leave the matter in the hands of Divine Providence."

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## The Market Square Fatality.

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At the Court Martial on Friday evening last the accused was cross-examined by the prosecutor, Lieut. Minchin, upon the statement he made to the Court on the previous day.

Accused had not been on intimate terms with deceased; had dined with him and another war correspondent, Mr. Hamilton, once before. He was on friendly terms with deceased when he asked him to dinner on the evening of the 1st inst.

Prosecutor: So it was only that evening and after dinner that he mentioned this violent desire to ruin you? It was then he wanted to fight me.

Prosecutor: Yes, more than that. You told us he wanted to ruin you. Was it only on that evening and after dinner that he showed this desire to ruin you? If I fought I should have been ruined. I must not fight like that. It was only in course of that evening he showed any dislike for me.

By the Court: And not until after dinner? After dinner was the time he challenged me.

Prosecutor: The first intimation you had was when he accused you of having said something against him? Yes.

Prosecutor: What was it you said? He said that I had said or implied that he was a snake.

Regarding his alleged reasons for drawing the revolver prosecutor asked: You say your second reason was because he wanted to shoot you? Yes.

Prosecutor: Why should you suppose he wanted to shoot you? He said so.

Prosecutor: Had he a revolver? I don't know, I have seen him wearing

one. Most people in Mafeking carry a revolver.

Prosecutor: On this particular evening did he produce one? Not that I know of.

Prosecutor: Did you see one upon him? No.

Prosecutor: You have a clear recollection of stumbling? Yes, a distinct recollection of that.

Prosecutor: What portion of you struck the wall? My shoulder.

Prosecutor: And where was your arm? Just explain how it happened. I cannot explain it.

Prosecutor: You have no distinct recollection of how the revolver went off? No.

Prosecutor: Were you holding the revolver up? I might have held the revolver up in my hand. Yes, I was carrying my revolver in my hand, lifted up.

Prosecutor: With your finger on the trigger, I suppose? Not that I am aware of.

Prosecutor: You had your finger outside the trigger guard? Yes, when I stumbled.

Prosecutor: Did you expect to see Parslow in front of you? No Sir, I didn't see him. I saw no one.

Prosecutor: Why were you carrying the revolver at that particular time?

(Prisoner's reply to this question was not distinct enough for the reporter to hear, although quite close beside him. He muttered rapidly and continually between questions and answers and rambled on with his replies in a voluble undertone from this question to end of the sitting.

Further questions from the Court and from Lord C. Bentinck closed the cross examination and the Court adjourned till Saturday, Nov. 18th, when the prisoner's counsel called Major Panzera, who corroborated previous witnesses evidence as to what took place from the time of the arrest till arriving at the jail, and also disposed to having noticed certain peculiarities in prisoner's manner which might be expected to exhibit themselves in any body who had suffered sunstroke or from fever, but these peculiarities were never so great as to make him unfit for duty.

On the following day the counsel for defence and the prosecutor addressed the Court and on Monday the Judge Advocate summed up, giving numerous quotations from the "Manual of Military Law" to guide to Court in coming to a decision. The Court then retired to consider the verdict.



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### VRYBURG.

The D.F.A. correspondent says of Vryburg:—Three Boer commandoes entered Vryburg on Monday morning, hoisted the Transvaal flag, and issued a proclamation that Bechuanaland formed part of the South African Republic. It is now rumoured that the Transvaalers have been recalled from Vryburg, which will be garrisoned by local Boers. The Central Hotel and Club have been looted, also a few private residences belonging to English people.

The proclamation making Bechuanaland Transvaal territory is regarded as a clever move on the part of the Boers to encourage Colonial Boers to join the Republic without incurring any risk of charges of treason should the ultimate result go against them.

A counter proclamation is urgently required, warning the population that Bechuanaland is still British territory, and that Transvaal proclamations have no force in the Colony.

### JOHANNESBURG.

The *Midland News* (three weeks ago) said of Johannesburg:—Our informants stated that they believe there was some truth in the report of numbers of Boers having been wounded. Any way, all the wounded patients had been removed from the hospital, and all the beds had been commandeered for the use of the Government. The patients had been removed to private houses, and where desired, the nurses have been allowed to go with them. Some of the patients preferred to come down by the refugee train.

So far there has been no riot or disorder at Johannesburg.

Practically all the mines have closed down, and even pumping has been

abandoned, the pumpers who had decided to remain having had their permits withdrawn. This will mean great delay in re-starting of the mines, as in some cases it will be months before hauling can re-commence.

### HOW TAUNGS WAS "TAKEN."

*From the D.F.A.*

We have ascertained some further particulars with reference to the arrival of the Boers at Taungs, and the evacuation of the railway station by the officials. It appears that after about half-past 1 a.m. on Sunday it was discovered that something was the matter with the telegraph wires. The wires from Fourteen Streams to Taungs Station, and Taungs Station to Taungs, were all right, but the others were apparently cut. Prior to this the members of the Cape Police stationed at Taungs Railway Station and village had been ordered to retire on Fourteen Streams. The Stationmaster (Mr. Rugen) and the telegraphist (Mr. Muller) did not see the advisability of going to the police, and waited on at the station, sleeping on Sunday evening on the veld, across the Dry Harts River. On the Monday morning they received information that two armed and mounted Boers had visited the station about 10 p.m. the previous day, making urgent enquiries for the Stationmaster. The latter went back to the station, in company with others, about 10 o'clock on Monday morning. From the information which they then acquired, they became persuaded of the advisability of coming in to Kimberley, and bringing in any railway property of value. After procuring a wagon, which they had some difficulty in doing, owing to the dislike of the native proprietor to risk the loss of his vehicle and oxen, the party left Taungs about 4 p.m. on Monday, learning, after they had crossed the river, that the Boers were already in Taungs, and on their way to the station. Needless to say, the party did not go back to look into this, but made the best of their way to Kimberley. They were not interfered with, and the journey was devoid of incident, save that near Phokwaui two armed Boers were seen, besides a number of Colonial Boers at other points, who treated the travellers to all sorts of stories as to what was going on. Mr. C. R. Chalmers, the R.M. of Taungs, left the village on the following day. The Boers had then arrived in large numbers, and had taken up their quarters around the village and station, taking possession of the

police barracks, Magistrate's Court, the *gaol*, and other places, and hoisting their flag on the Court-house spire. They were very anxious to see the local officials, the Magistrate and Station-master, &c., in order to get hold of the keys of the various buildings. We understand that not much removable property is left at the railway station, save a couple of hundred bags of grain belonging to a firm in the district.

## DISMAY AMONG THE BOERS.

*From the D.F.A.*

A refugee, who had just arrived from Klipdam, states that the Boers there were at first informed that Cronje had gained a great victory at Mafeking, but, on learning the real facts, the greatest consternation prevailed. Several Transvaalers said that the English were fighting very differently to what they did in 1881, and frankly admitted that their side had got a severe drubbing, estimating the number of Boers killed at 96.

## SUMMARY COURT OF JURISDICTION.

TUESDAY, Nov. 21st, 1899.

*Before Major Gould-Adams and C.G.H. Bell, Esq., C.C. & R.M.*

John Vos, who was brought up on remand, was sentenced to 10 days' hard labour for stealing ten shillings from a native.

Jim Mbalo was found not guilty of being a spy, but was sentenced to two dozen lashes for endeavouring to go outside the lines, and was promised that if he did it again he would be shot.

*Before Major Lord E. Cecil and Major Gould-Adams.*

William Walker, claiming to be a Scotchman but preferring to express himself in Dutch, was brought up on a charge of treason, but in the absence of a properly qualified Dutch interpreter, was remanded.

TO DAY, WEDNESDAY, 22ND.

*Before Major Lord E. Cecil and C.G.H. Bell, Esq., C.C. & R.M.*

Van Rhyn and Venter, two specimens of that kind of the neat and tidy highly intelligent Boer, which makes us love the very name, were charged with being suspected spies. The Mayor, F. Whiteley, Esq., said these two men lived at the women's laager camp. One morning they were seen coming from the direction of the Boers' laager with a native, their movements being suspicious they were questioned. One man said the native was his boy, but the boy could not show where he slept the preceding night. An interpreter was sent for and through him the boy said he had been working for some time in Mafeking, for one Silas Melimo. As it happened to be Silas Melimo who was interpreting and the boy, on being asked, said he did not recognise him, it was safely concluded that jail was the best place for the romancing native, as well as for the two "Noble Boers" who were remanded for seven days.

David Muller, also charged with being a suspected spy, said he wasn't guilty. Goaler Healo said he was brought to his protective establishment on the 11th of last month in a condition which showed he had drunk "not wisely but too well." In this condition he communicated the fact that he had merely come over the Transvaal border to see what the Englishmen were doing here. Asked where he came from, said from the Boer laager, but when the following morning found him sobered up he repudiated the over night's story as romance and said he had come to look for lost cattle only. Davids own statement before the Court was that he came from the Vryburg district with some bullocks to sell. He lost some of them in the district of Maritzani and arrived here about 2 o'clock (presumably to look for Maritzani straying bullocks) and was arrested about 4 o'clock (which shows our officials didn't lose much time). Remanded for seven days.

John Elmes was charged with frightening women at the laager and using seditious language. While waiting outside the staff office at Dixon's Hotel the Head Gaoler proved that Elmes told him it was his intention to take his horse and get away across the lines. He said he knew the Boers and knew they would let him through. Prisoner, in his statement, denied having any wish to go through to the Boers. He was in medical practice in Zeerust. His friends advised him to leave the district till the troubles were over, so he came to Mafeking for protection, to be under the British flag. He has no sympathy with the Boers in this matter and didn't use seditious language with intention, his sympathies being the other way round. He might have said something which has been misconstrued. Remanded two days.

## POETS CORNER.

### THE BOUNCING B.

A bold one at brag is the tall talking Boer,  
But his courage and talk aren't akin,  
He can threaten and bully, go looting a store,  
Can sjambok a native, and grin.

He told very big, how he'd cleverly shoot  
The Englishmen, clean through the head,  
But he don't risk his carcass and even loved  
loot  
Won't tempt him from cover to tread.

No being in whose breast is found manliness'  
glow,  
Would fire on the helpless, the women and  
sick,  
But this contemptible half-breed has done it,  
we know,  
While misusing the white flag is frequent  
his trick,

They're not all alike, there're exceptions we  
grant,  
But alas! such are only a few;  
The bulk are despicable cowards who aren't  
Fit to live, extermination's their due.

Let us pray the "Brave Boer" o'er whom  
Miss Schriener cants  
Will soon be within reach of our men,  
And learn that the "Providence" Paul  
Kruger rants  
In justice will help our side then.

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MAFEKING, 26th NOVEMBER 1899

By the courtesy of the Staff we are enabled to lay before our readers the following:

#### FURTHER DETAILS OF THE LADYSMITH FIGHTS.

##### The White Flags Trick.

##### Following the Enemy.

##### Boer Advance Column Hemmed In.

##### Bulawayo, via Beira.

Native eye-witnesses of the big battles at Ladysmith have arrived at Maritzburg and give the following account of the British successes:—

The *Times*, in a long interview with the natives, says it appears that after some fighting had been going on, on Thursday afternoon, north of Ladysmith, the Boers got right upon the open ground and were in for a heuling, then they attempted the white flag trick and several white flags were raised; the firing at once ceased on our side, our men advancing without firing, presumably in order to receive the enemy as prisoners; whereupon our men closing up, the Boers fired volley upon volley on our men at comparatively close range. No sooner had our men realised the treacherous misuse of the white flag, when, without waiting a second for orders—so it is said—three regiments of Cavalry, Lancers, Hussars and Dragoons, followed by Infantry, with fixed bayonets, charged into the Boers, mowing them down like grass, as the Kafirs say, "It went through and through them like water, wiping them all off." In the Kafirs' description the slaughter and wounding must have been terrific; the Boers howled—says the Kafirs—for mercy. Never was there such killing and cutting. While the Cavalry was cutting, slashing and lancing, the Infantry was at work like furies with cold steel between their horses. The field was covered with bodies. The "men with petticoats," as the Kafirs described the gallant Gordons, suffered very severely, judging by those that witness saw lying upon the field. A lot of prisoners and loot were captured and taken into Ladysmith, when quite a market or court sale went on,

Boer blankets at 18. apiece and so on. Ladysmith is full of Boer prisoners and wounded. On Friday morning it appears that three Cavalry regiments—and, we understand, some Volunteers, though it is not clear—left Ladysmith to catch up some of the Boers proceeding south towards Colenso. These were evidently surrounding the column sent out after the first lot; the arrival of which latter at Colenso we know of. The British overtook this column and then were able to get in with their steel, and again slaughter was terrific. The commando was completely broken up and the survivors fled in all directions. If their accounts should prove to be true then the advance of the Boers at Colenso are entrapped, if our people at Ladysmith only learn of it in time to take advantage of it.

Lyddite, by some accounts, appears to have been used at least on Thursday, when a few shots were fired at the enemy with terrific effect while they were removing their big guns.

#### THE "CORDONS" LOSE HEAVILY.

It is not to be supposed that in hand to hand conflicts upon two days and the charge by the Gordons upon a laager (which we just referred to, because we could not quite clearly understand the Native's description of what actually took place), our men did not suffer severely; on the contrary we fear our losses—especially in what appears to have been a splendid assault upon and capture of the laager by the Gordons—must have been only too considerable. Nevertheless, all the advices received tends to show that upon Thursday and Friday last the Boers have received the two worst beatings they have ever had.

#### QUIETENING DOWN ALREADY.

MARITZBURG, 9th.—The situation is viewed calmly and confidently here. Any feeling of alarm, which might have existed a week ago, having now entirely disappeared. A number of families had decided to leave for England, and a slight exodus had already set in towards Durban. These signs of unrest are no longer evident. The city presents a very usual appearance, there being little or no indications of the serious state of affairs a hundred miles away.

News from the front is conspicuous by its absence.

The Dutch in the Umvoti country are quite, but it is reported that a



party of Boers have been seen near little Tugela River; in consequence the farmers in the neighbourhood are sending their stock down country.

### JOUBERT ISN'T SANGUINE ABOUT TAKING DURBAN.

A gentleman who lives under the berg, near Little Bushmans River, has arrived here and states that the Boers informed him that the intention of the enemy is to avoid Estcourt and come into west by Ulundi. Questioned as to Ladysmith the Boer stated that Joubert's forces there had suffered heavily and he was not so sanguine that they would be able to take Maritzburg and Durban.

### RAISING A NEW CORPS IN CAPETOWN.

A South African Light Horse Corps is now being raised in Capetown by Lieut.-Colonel Court, of Sir Redvers Buller's staff, and Captain Hillier's, of the Royal Horse Guards.

### THE "ALL BRITISH" CABLE.

The cable ship, "Anglia," is now in Table Bay, and to-day commences the laying of the new cable which runs first to Robben Island, thence direct to St. Helena, thence to Ascension, Cape Verde, and subsequently across the Bay of Biscay to the English coast.

### FREE STATERS, SOUTH, WAITING FOR TRANSVAAL REINFORCEMENTS.

The "Best" Contingent going to Dutch Dordrecht.

BURGHERSDORP, Stl.—The main body of the Bethulie Boers are all stationary, waiting for strong Transvaal reinforcements, which were delayed by the want of horses. These have been partly supplied at Bloemfontein and the remainder are to be commandeered here. Boer patrols are extensively scouring the district north of the town. Unarmed individuals freely visit us and a constant stream of our farmers are visiting the Boer camp. Swanepoel, of Smithfield—a Stellenbosch educated man,—is in chief command. None of the best contingent are known to be in the district; the best are working towards Dordrecht. The town is quiet but provisions are practically exhausted in the stores.

Latest reports from Ladysmith are that all is well there and that our forces are harassing the Boers daily with little loss to British and considerable loss to the enemy.

Some difficulty has been found in mounting the Naval 64-pounder guns, they were put down on a sleeper foundation, but this was found to be insufficient and had to be replaced with concrete. It is reported also that one 12-pounder Naval gun was damaged by a Boer shell, but it was soon replaced.

LONDON, 6th.—Three more military batteries have been called out. Two companies of Royal Engineers at Gibraltar have been ordered to the Cape.

A Naval rating, including seamen and gunners, with a number of 12-pounders and quick-firing guns has been sent by the "Briton." Sir William McCormick was also a passenger.

### THE "BOND" ACTING AS BOER INTELLIGENCE DEPARTMENT.

CAPETOWN 9th.—A message has been sent from the Burghersdorp Bond to the Free State commando advising them not to move further into the district as the Imperial authorities are trying to lead them into a trap. There is no confirmation of the report that a commando has arrived at Dordrecht.

ESTCOURT, 9th.—An armoured train left this afternoon with three armoured trucks manned by a company of Dublin Fusiliers, under Captain Kensley. When two miles from Frere a mounted scout rode up and informed them that there were signs of the enemy in Colenso, but the big guns were still posted on Grobelaar's Kloof Hill at 172 mile post. Captain Kensley, with a small party, went out in skirmishing order to reconnoitre round the village. After they had advanced to the brow of the rise overlooking Colenso the train moved slowly on to the level crossing where the main road to Estcourt crosses. There the rails were found torn up and more fencing destroyed and telegraph cut. The poles were bent and insulators shot off. Just as the telegraph men were restoring communication with Estcourt, shots of Mausers were heard. Six or eight shots were fired, evidently from Fort Wylie. Our skirmishers gradually retired in the direction of the train without being fired on again. As they came up to the train they poured three volleys into Fort Wylie without any response in fort. However, the enemy could be seen moving about and the heliograph could be distinctly seen at work within the walls.

Communication was being made in the direction of the Free State, and another heliograph could also be seen working from the hill to eastward. No attempt was made either to stop or to follow us, but the fact was clearly established that the enemy have now taken possession of Fort Wylie and command the railway line.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

Tugela bridge is still intact, and beyond loots and the burning of a few stores in the village, no great damage has been done.

A column went out to-day for a few miles beyond the town, but no trace of the enemy was seen. Nothing more has been heard of the firing in the Ladysmith direction.

While a private of the Dublin Fusiliers was examining a rifle to-day, which he thought was unloaded, it went off and wounded him in the left wrist.

The Clan Liner and Lyton Rly boat from South coming in.

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### The Mafeking Mail.

MAFEKING 24th NOVEMBER, 1899

It is with deep regret we record the death on the 20th instant of the Marchioness of Salisbury. The mournful intelligence was brought here by a messenger from the Boer camp this morning.

We feel sure we represent the whole of Mafeking garrison in expressing most heartfelt sympathy in this his time of bereavement towards Lord Edward Cecil, whose kindly courtesy has endeared him to all in Mafeking.

### SUMMARY COURT OF JURISDICTION.

THURSDAY 23RD NOVEMBER, 1899.

*Before H.H. Major Gould-Adams, C.B.,  
C.M.G., and Colonel C.B. Fyvie.*

William Walker, employed at the jail, was brought up on remand, charged with treasonable conduct. The evidence was not considered by the Court sufficient to convict him of treasonable conduct, but he was found guilty of improper conduct. Dismissed the service, but to be detained in jail and under supervision for one month.

Jacobus Johannes Burger pleaded not guilty to being a suspected spy. Joseph Palmer's son told his father, who is a trooper in the Protectorate Regiment, that "he heard his aunt telling his mother that Jacobus Johannes, whose family wagon and that of witness were close together near the Women's Laager, had been in town getting information and was going to make it known to the Dutch."

Christopher Palmer, 13, son of last witness, knew prisoner, heard his aunt tell his mother that Mr. Burger finds out things in town and reports them to the Dutch. He did about the dynamite.

Cross-examined by Prisoner: I did not hear the prisoner himself say anything of the kind.

Mrs. Margaret Palmer, in good English, informed the Court that she didn't speak English, had seen prisoner on several occasions. "I know him to be a Burger. My sister told me about his taking information to the Boers, but I didn't take much notice of it. She mentioned his name and connected him with some dynamite affair. My sister was living close to the Burgers."

Alleta Sophia van Rooyne knew the prisoner. I never mentioned anyone's name but only asked my sister whether it was dynamite when I saw some boxes in the B.S.A. camp. Pressed upon the point, she could not explain why it entered her head, she had never mentioned dynamite to anyone before. Not even when the big explosion took place. Had spoken with no one but her sister upon the subject of dynamite, denied connecting Burger's name with dynamite when speaking to her.

Prisoner sworn, said "He had recently come here for his health. Was only staying here for a few days and meant going back to his farm in the Protectorate. Got here on the 9th of October and on the 17th I was arrested. That's all he had to say. Remanded till Saturday as also were two brothers of the accused, Carl Burger and Christian Burger, under arrest on a similar charge.

Michael Gould, charged with being drunk and striking an officer at Dixon's, which charge was dropped for the more grave one of attempting to cross the border and go beyond the military lines of Mafeking, pleaded not guilty and was remanded for enquiries to be made.

F. Brown, a trooper in the Protectorate Regiment, charged with selling a shell which was in his charge, pleaded not guilty.

Dirk Albertus Nolte, at present living in the Refugee Laager, said that prisoner came to him on Wednesday, the 15th, and wanted to buy a shell which had been picked up whole after having been fired by the Boers, for ten shillings. Witness would not sell it but lent it to prisoner, who told him he had a similar large shell in the stad and wanted to photograph it, but he could not get it till the following Sunday. As the shell was not forthcoming witness applied for it and was surprised to learn from prisoner that the shell was not borrowed at all but had been taken away from witness for fear it should burst, which was certainly very thoughtful on the part of prisoner, but as the shell was subsequently discovered at the Gaelic Bar, where it had been sold to Mr. Gates for £3 5s. the active humanity prompting prisoner to remove the danger is not quite discernible.

J. Brennan, a trooper in the Protectorate Regiment, was present on the fifteenth and interpreted for prisoner, who speaks only English with a London accent, and the previous witness, who speaks but Dutch, and corroborated last witness's evidence. Mr.



Gates proved buying the shell of prisoner for £3 5s., who said he had other shells to sell.

Frederick William Stanton, also living in the Refugee Laager, likewise lent prisoner a shell "to photograph," but has not been able to get it back.

Prisoner made a statement on oath in which he alleged that Nolte gave him the shell, and he was to bring another one, which he could get from the trenches by the following Sunday, but when the Sunday came he was under arrest and could not fetch it. Remanded to produce the shell.

To-day John Henry Elmes was again brought up before H.H. Major Goold-Adams, C.B., C.M.G., and C. G. H. Bell, Esq., C.C. & R.M., and remanded to jail for fourteen days because, as the bench explained to him, "his conduct in general was such that they could not let him be at liberty. So he would be confined within the precincts of the jail," with permission to add to the rations allowed for prisoners, anything he chose to purchase.

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### CORRESPONDENCE.

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*To the Editor of the Mafeking Mail :*

Sir,—There are in this town to-day some who are comparatively strangers here although they, and in some cases their fathers also, have fought more than once for our dear old England. Amongst them are some who would fain help wipe out the year 1881 from the British Calendar. Such years as 1857 and 1881 are dates to be remembered; they are the making or breaking of nations. The siege of Mafeking is yet another link in the chain of our great nations forging, that nation on which the sun never sets. We are but a few to defend the town against overwhelming numbers of Boers. We are surrounded by guns, large and small, shelling us night and day, but shall hold our own to the end and show these boastful Boers what the English descendants are made of. Another date to be remembered is November 8th, 1899, the day the Boers shot a woman and shelled the Hospital, where the wounded lay, and the Women's Laager. Are we fighting savages and not supposed Christians. I am an old soldier and have been through Kafir wars, but I never saw worse from Kafirs than I have seen now from the Boers. They boast that one Boer is as good as ten Englishmen. Yes, so they are, at two things, psalm singing and running away. I always knew them to be cowards. Look back to them in 1878, at Koegas, when Major Nesbit was wounded, how they ran away and left seven of the Volunteers to carry him down the mountain. Again 130 of them, sent on patrol, came up with some Kafirs in the open plain, they turned back to camp saying they were too many to tackle. We Volunteers, 80 only, went out, captured the lot without a fight. Another time we had captured 300 head of cattle and sent two Boers to mind them. Two mounted Kafirs came up and took them away from the Boers. For-

tunately we happened to meet and so re-took them. Well, Sir, here we are one to five of them, but they'll watch facing John Bull and those they call the "Verdomde Engelsch."

Yours truly,

W. J. Pitt.

November 23rd, 1899.

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### POETS CORNER.

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#### THE "FLY" SPIDER.

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[CONTRIBUTED.]

Will you come into my parlour, said the spider to the fly,  
It's the trickiest little parlour that ever you'll espy;  
The fly was very fly indeed, almost inclined to fly  
And said I think I'll stay outside and wink the other eye.

I'll bring my little popguns just to make your parlour warm,  
They'll keep us both quite well amused and do you little harm,  
The spider thinks he's happened on the quaintest sort of fly  
And fears until he sallies forth, that fly will never fly.

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Railway Division Town Guard.

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### A PROMENADE CONCERT

will be held at the North End of the Railway Camp,

On Sunday Evening,

Beginning at 7-30 and ending at 9 p.m. sharp.

ADMISSION FREE.

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Monday, November 27th, 1899.

### WE CHANGE COLOUR.

We are sorry that we can no longer appear in white, so suitably emblematic of our purity, but we have heard so many things since the Siege which have caused us to turn red that now even the very paper blushes in sympathy.

### The Mafeking Mail.

MONDAY, 27TH NOVEMBER, 1899.

### LATEST NEWS.

LONDON, Oct. 29th (Reuter).—Major General Carvill and the Grenadier Guards have sailed from Gibraltar for South Africa.

LONDON, 31st.—The surrender of the Gloster Regiment and the Royal Irish Fusiliers has produced a great shock; the papers suspend judgment awaiting details. The loss will not affect the issue as Great Britain is resolved to effect her object.

CAPETOWN, November 2nd.—The Free State Boers crossed the bridge at Norvals Pont, seized the Railway Station and subsequently occupied Colesberg, but the bridge was intact in the afternoon.

CAPETOWN, 4th.—From Kimberley, dated 1st, Boers investing town, are 4,000 with several nine-pounders. Attack expected daily.

ESTCOURT, Nov. 2nd.—The Colenso camp is broken up and troops falling back on Estcourt.

LADYSMITH, Nov. 2nd.—The Tugela Division has been proclaimed Free State territory. No troops there, no fighting.

A fund for the widows and orphans has been opened in London and amounted on October 30th, to £50,000.

PRETORIA, November 5th.—600 Boers have crossed the Bethulie Bridge and torn up the rails. 300 more Boers are going to join them.

PRETORIA, Nov. 5th.—The Burghers on November 1st were within 250 yards of Mafeking.

BEIRA, Nov. 9th.—Official reports state that the number of our force, under Carleton, was 843, of whom 100 returned to camp, Col. Carleton, Major Tann Kincaid, and Bryant, Capt. Burrowes, two Surgeons, two Interpreters, and a Special Correspondent, and a lot of other officers were taken prisoners.

### AFTER FORTY DAYS.

Shells may fly all the week but when Sunday comes and the Boer knocks off sniping Mafeking promptly resumes its enjoyment of life as if there wasn't a seven-pounder within a thousand miles, let alone an "Oud Grietje" over the way, Nobody would have believed on seeing the light-hearted and prosperous looking crowd who were present at the successful Promenade Concert given yesterday afternoon by the Railway Division, that we were undergoing the horrors of a siege. A Polo match, a Football ditto, and the just mentioned function, without taking into consideration the various other gatherings for "spiritual" enjoyment at Church and Hotel was not a bad day for a town to put in after forty days' bombardment. Lieutenant More is to be congratulated upon the arrangements for the comfort of visitors to the Railway Camp and for the manner in which the whole was carried out. A band stand, gaily decorated with the Railway colours and provided with an awning over the performer, was rigged up in the middle of the road at the north end of the avenue. Plenty of chairs and seats were placed round about, and cups of tea by the hundred, were carried to the company. The Orchestral Society and vocalists, in spite of the disadvantages of open air and absence of acoustic accessories, gave a very creditable performance, which was thoroughly appreciated by an audience of over three hundred, among which it was quite delightful to see so many of the fair sex. The programme, as rendered, was as follows: "Orinthia" gavotte, and "Tom Noddy" waltz, by the Orchestral Society; The Irish Jubilee song by Mr. Adams; "The Lads in Red," and an encore, by Mr. E. J. Layton; Song, "Thoy could not take the two of us," by Mr. Ingham. Some excellent Ventriloquism by Mr. Lees, the topical humour of which was much enjoyed. "The Promised Land" and an encore, by Mr. Cooper; "He like a Soldier fell," by Mr. Crittenden, and another selection by the Orchestral Society.

As mentioned above a Polo scratch game was organised and several chukkers played by Major Godley, Col. Walford, Capt. Lord C. Bentinck, Captain Fitz-Clarence, Lieut. Tracey, Major Baillie, Captain Singletou, Captain Marsh, Captain Sandford, Lieutenant Moncrieffe, Lieutenant Maekenzie, Lieutenant Dunlop Smith. The ground was awfully rough, but considering the ponies were taken from the compara-

tively peaceful occupation of seapouring about under shell fire, to face the dangers of polo play, a very good game was enjoyed.

The football match was between the Protectorate Regiment and the Town, and those present thoroughly enjoyed the game. As we have before mentioned no apology is necessary for this and other games being played on Sunday, at a time like the present. Considering our loyal defenders are for six days in the week confined in trenches, it is of the greatest importance, for hygienic reasons, that they should have some active recreation on this the only available day. The game throughout was conspicuous by the absence of any rough play or shady tactics. The P.R. were unfortunately unable to place their full team in the field, but substitutes were found in the town ranks and all gave a good account of themselves. The Town team won by five goals to nothing. Mr. C. Bullied refereed to the satisfaction of everybody. The following were the teams:—

#### TOWN TEAM.

Goal: Daniels; Back: A. N. Other, H. Gash; Halves: Gradie, Bunbary, Cooke; Forwards: Hazelrigg, Jenkins, Merry, Ashton and Bray.

#### P. R. TEAM.

Goal: Nichols; Backs: Newton, Tugwood; Halves: Jackson, Taylor, Low; Forwards: McArthur, Hogan, Metcalfe, Moore, Carr.

Mr Fraser, to whom the organisation and, mainly, the success of the affair is due, deserves congratulation.

Yesterday was the last Sunday of the Christian year. The Rev. W. H. Weekes held three services, although there was nothing unusual about that as he has, with scarce an exception, done so all through the siege.

At Dixon's and Riesle's Hotels the following menus were provided by chefs G. Masini and Beavis respectively. We hesitate somewhat in printing them lest by doing so we enable our enemies, the Boers, to gloat over the terrible privations they have reduced us to.

#### DIXON'S HOTEL.

*Soup.*

Gravy.

*Entrée.*

Fillet of Beef. Braised Ox Tongue.

*Poultry.*

Roast Fowl and Bread Sauce.

Stuffed Roast Duck.

*Joint.*

Roast Beef Roast Mutton.

Roast Lamb and Mint Sauce. Roast Veal.

Corned Beef and Carrots.

*Vegetables.*

Baked and Boiled Potatoes. Green Peas.

*Sweets.*

Currant Pudding. Custard.

Tea. Cheese. Coffee.

#### RIESLE'S HOTEL.

Brucis Soup.

*Entrées.*

Lobster Croquettes and Anchovy Butter.

Compte of Gilets and Mushrooms.

Forced Ox Heart.

York Ham and Peas.

*Poultry.*

Roast Fowl and Ham.

*Joints.*  
Roast Sirloin of Beef and Yorkshire Pudding.  
Roast Leg of Mutton.  
Roast Pork.  
Corned Brisket.  
Side of Lamb and Green Peas.  
*Vegetables.*  
Green Peas, New Potatoes, Vegetable Marrow.  
*Sweets.*  
Plum Pudding and Brandy Sauce.  
Tea. Cheese. Coffee.

## A LETTER FROM GWELO.

Mr. H. H. Bradley has received a communication from his brother, Mr. Arthur Bradley, of Gwelo, dated 12th inst., in which the following occurs:—

"We are very anxious about you all and trust and hope that you will be able to hold out. You little know how pleased the public hero are of your (Mafeking) pluck, and although we are cut off from you, our hearts are with you all, in your plucky deeds. Should this reach you kindly remember us to all friends. Wishing you all success and that you will soon be relieved. Send us news if possible.

## POETS CORNER.

### FROM THE TRENCHES.

[CONTINUED.]

There was a cocky commandant in district  
Potchefstroom,  
For his military genius he really had no  
room;  
When war broke out, he shouted loud, said  
he it's just the thing,  
I'll increase my reputation, and I'll mop up  
Mafeking.

So I'll just collect some thousands of my gay  
and festive Boers  
And canter o'er to Mafeking and loot the  
pubs and stores,  
Seize stocks and horses, cattle—kill or drive  
the men away,  
And extend our great Republic, 'cos there's  
nott dare say me nay.

He got his Boers together, and they were a  
wondrous sight,  
But oh! they funk'd it awful when they  
found they had to fight,  
For every time they made a start to scoop up  
Maf-king's riches  
They met such a reception that they cleared  
like sons of—witches.

This made the commandant's heart sore, full  
grieved was he, I ween,  
Said he, this is the hottest shop that I have  
ever seen;  
His one "zakdoek" is worn out and he's  
using a bath towel  
To mop away the salt tears caused by naughty  
Badon-Powell.

Go back, Cronje, you juggins, and take your  
damphool Boers,  
We've other things to think of than those  
useless shells of yours,  
And when you get the blues again and failure  
makes you howl  
I would recommend another dose, from Doctor  
Badon-Powell.

For the medicine he administers is sure to  
cure—or kill,  
He's got a large supply on hand, so you can  
have your fill;  
The merry Maxims mote it out, and this is  
what they sing  
"We still mean you to keep outside the town  
of Mafeking."



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### The Mafeking Mail.

TUESDAY, 28th NOVEMBER, 1899.

#### THE FOLLOWING WE TAKE FROM THE "BULAWAYO CHRONICLE" OF 11TH TO 16TH INSTANT.

LONDON, Oct. 31st.—The 1st Battalion of the Gordon Highlanders and Scots Greys have sailed. The extra battalions mobilised will consist of the Sussex, Essex and Derbyshire Regiments.

PRETORIA, Oct., 23rd.—Commandant Bethel wires the following account of battle at Dundee on Friday (20th Oct.): A severe fight took place from 6 in the morning till noon. We (the Boers) were about 3,000 strong, the British about 6,000 Infantry and 2,000 Cavalry. Our positions were given up through some misunderstanding. Our loss is 100 and the British 500. To-morrow, by the will of God, we hope to be in possession of Dundee."

General Cronje has gone to the Diamond Fields. The attempt on Mafeking is now left to Commandants Snyman, Botha and De la Rey.

General Buller, on leaving England, is reported to have said within a month from the time I land, the Union Jack will be flying over Pretoria.

America warns the other powers to maintain a strict neutrality.

A hundred and twenty-five more men left Bulawayo on Saturday, 11th inst., for Magalapye.

PRETORIA, Oct. 23rd.—Amongst the 13 Mafeking prisoners brought to Pretoria last night was Lieut. Neshitt, who is recovering from a face wound.

The chief instruments which will work the downfall of the Boers and eventually put them to rout will not be the cannon or the rifle but the bayonet and the sabre.

At Ladysmith, on October 30th, the Naval Brigade arrived with a 4.7 in. gun, carrying a 60 lb. projectile, and in three shots put out the Boers' 40 lb. "Long Tom."

The British have struck camp and returned to Estcourt. The Boers taking Colonso on the 2nd inst.

DURBAN, Oct. 6th.—The Boers have invaded Zululand. Eshowe is in danger.

The gun that did the trick at the Ladysmith battle was one lauded from H.M.S. "Powerful." In twenty hours the Naval Brigade carried it by train 193 miles and got it in action. It is sixteen feet long, weighs 48 cwt., and its Naval carriage 43½ cwt. Fires ten shots per minute, with a muzzle velocity of 2,188 feet per second, and its effective range something over seven miles.

If we had a toy like that wouldn't Snyman, Botha and De la Rey enjoy playing targets?

CAPETOWN, Nov. 2nd.—The following is the latest war news since our successes at Gleneoe, Elandslaagte and Rietfontein:—

General Penn Symons died on 25th October.

On the 24th October Lieut.-Colonel Scott Turner made a successful reconnaissance from Kimberley, supported by an armoured train. Our loss was four killed. The Boers lost a considerable number and received a severe check.

On the 26th our forces were concentrated at the main camp at Ladysmith.

On the 30th October the Boers massed under General Joubert 2,000 strong, and commenced shelling Ladysmith with a 42-pounder from a strong position. General White and a strong force marched out from Ladysmith. Our artillery fire was excellent. The Naval Brigade from the "Powerful" soon silenced the enemy's 42-pounder. Our men fell back with great steadiness after holding the enemy in check for nine hours.

"The fact of the matter appears to be that the gallant defence of Mafeking has been to a large extent the saviour of Bulawayo."

Frank Gloesser, writing in the "Daily Mail," says, concerning the Boers, "he retains his extraordinary power of rapidly mobilising—his waste of ammunition is ridiculous. His method of fighting is semi-barbaric—A Boer commando will retreat in confusion if two men are killed. They invariably conceal the exact number of their loss and always underestimate it in subsequent reports. The seriously wounded are hurried off to the nearest farm house and the dead promptly buried or hurried away under cover of night."

## COL. PLUMER'S COLUMN.

### E Squadron in Action.

TUE, 29th.—After a skirmish on Thursday, 26th, F Squadron took up a position on the northern side of the kopje before described as Plumer's camp. The sole desire of the men was: "Let us have another slap at the Kopje." Colonel Sprekley granted permission to Col. White to take one troop and Capt. Glynn to take another with Lieut. Hutchinsou as guide. The total number was 42 and their instructions were to reconnoitre and retire. In cover of darkness they advanced in Indian file through the bush. At dawn they discovered themselves within 200 yards of the Boers' position, but the bush was too thick for anything to be seen through it. Half of our small force was placed on the left front while Col. White reconnoitred to the right. Suddenly the latter's men were seen to be hotly engaged, and Capt. Glynn ordered his men to retire. Hardly had he done so when about 50 Boers darted out, evidently with the intention of out-flanking Col. White's troop. Up sprang Capt. Glynn's twenty men and twenty rifles poured volley after volley into the Dutchmen, who turned and fled. The Boers' shooting was awfully bad and not one of our 42 men was hit. No sooner than our men commenced their retreat than more Boers galloped up and commenced firing at about 50 yards range. While in the kopje, about 350 yards away, there were nearly 200 rifles hard at work upon our few. Our men had to cross some open ground and this was the Dutchmen's chance while our men were thus exposed. Four were wounded, three with Mauser and one with Martini bullets. This was Lieut. Hutchinson, who got his damage while dragging one of the wounded into a place of safety, the others were Corpl. Calder, Corpl. Bulloch and Tpr. Friedmann. Wounds slight; all doing well.

The *Bulawayo Chronicle*, in a leading article on the 16th November, says: "Owing to the disgraceful neglect of the Imperial Government we should not be at all surprised to learn the news from Natal first *via* Kimberley and Mafeking."

We also have something to say upon the question, but having a fearsome dread of the unknown terriblenesses of Martial Law, we are afraid to say it just yet, although we will be quite prepared to reciprocate, at some future time, if the B.C. will kindly swear a few additional cusses for the *Mafeking Mail*.

Continuing, the *Chronicle* says:—

We believe the plucky border town will be relieved ere long. General Buller must already be on the march, and when he enters the Free State we imagine that he will produce a panic or schism in the Boer forces, and they will fall back on their own territory. It will be a proud moment for Coloucl Baden-Powell and Mr Frank Whiteley when——

We are sorry we cannot complete the extract, but just at this juncture

the paper we are quoting from were taken away from us.—Ed. *M. Mail*.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the *Mafeking Mail*:

SIR,—Your correspondent, W. J. Pitt, is not correct in stating that Lieut. Nesbit was wounded at Koegas. It was Paarde Kloof. He is also wrong in the implication that he (then Inspector Neshit) had any Boers under him. They were all Volunteers, of which the writer was one at the time and saw him ride into camp, wounded in the thigh. At Koegas there were some thirty Boers who had sought refuge in our camp and refused to go out on picket duty, much to the disgust of Inspector Neshit, who threatened to kick them out. We had been on duty many hours continuously and had to take picket go because the Boers would not. It took two hours to cajole and threaten them to assist our men by taking a turn.

I enclose my card and remain,

Yours truly,  
EX-VOLUNTEER.

## NOTICE.

SOMEONE left various parcels of Tobacco on the table at the office of the *Mail*. Had the owner also left his address it might have been forwarded; as he didn't do so we are afraid it will have to be called for.

TOWNSHEND & SON,  
PROPRIETORS.

## POETS CORNER.

### THE BLATHERMSKITE.

(REVISED.)

I'm a true horn railway sailor, and I sail  
upon a train,  
Our sea way's rather shortened, but we'll  
open it again,  
Our figure head's a dummy, begorrah, now  
you'll laugh,  
The Boers there always hitting it, and the  
whole thing's only chaff.

It isn't always chaff you know, for now I tell  
you right,  
We gave them rather hello in a land-cum  
naval fight;  
They aren't quite sure which way to look, but  
they know which way to turn,  
And that's perhaps the only way we know a  
Dutchman's "stern."

The skipper shouted steam ahead, the Dutch-  
men made it so,  
Full steam ahead the other way as hard as  
they could go,  
They didn't think of schieting then but only  
thought of scoot,  
There were much too many bullets and  
devilish little loot.

So here's to the good old ironclad who creaks  
along the veldt,  
We've still got a good few thousand rounds  
with which the Dutch to pelt,  
A paradox as this may seem, of this you may  
be sure  
When all our rounds are finished, yet still we  
shall have "More."



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Wednesday, November 29th, 1899.

### The Mafeking Mail.

WEDNESDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER, 1899.

#### A CALM BEFORE THE STORM.

##### SOON COMING NOW.

"No News is Good News."

We are indebted to the courtesy of the Staff for the following:—

News from Mochudi, 23rd inst., received this morning, 29th.

All well along the line.

The "Lusitania" arrived at Beira on the 22nd.

#### WHO FEEDS THE FREE STATERS NEXT YEAR?

"The Basutos have refused to help the Free State Boers reaping and the crops are consequently rotting."

#### RETIRING BEFORE OUR REINFORCEMENTS.

"Consul Ross, Delago Bay, says that the Boers are retiring from Natal to defend the south-western border."

#### NOT MUCH INFORMATION FROM THE SOUTH.

"Kimberley all safe."

#### MUST NOT BELIEVE ALL WE READ.

"Big gun at Mafeking, weighing 10 tons cannot be worked on account of heavy recoil." [This is news to us.]

#### HURRY UP! SIR P. B.

"In Natal, Sir George White's force is waiting at Ladysmith for General Sir Redvers Buller's army to carry out its concentration. The Boers, in the meantime, are camped round Ladysmith. They nearly cut off an armoured train the other day. The train had gone out on a reconnaissance and the Boers came and displaced some rails in the rear of it. On its return journey some of the trucks were overturned and several men were wounded and missing, but the remainder of the train got clear and returned."

#### MORE FIGHTING NORTH.

"Major Jarvis had a skirmish, between Tuli and Rhodes' Drift, on the 18th, in which two of his men were killed and he himself nearly captured. The names of the killed are: Trooper Geo. Henry Perrett and Trooper George Cooke; Trooper Marcus Barthropp is missing. The Boers retired."

#### MOBE "ELEMENTS" FOR THE BOERS TO FIGHT.

"The Crocodile River is rising rapidly and will probably soon be impassible. This will prevent the Boers making any further reconnaissances on this side of the river."

"Boer commando, wishing to cross the Orange River, found it impassible from Norvals Pont to Zoutpan Drift."

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"Excitement in England over the war is now very great."

#### ACTUALLY THERE.

"Four transports with troops arrived in Capetown on the 14th inst."

#### SUMMARY COURT OF JURISDICTION.

WEDNESDAY, 29TH NOV., 1899.

Delporte, Marthinus Du Prez, Peter Green, and various others, charged with being suspected spies, were ordered to jail till "after the war is over." Cornhus Swartz and Frederick Bezuidenhout were similarly sentenced, Swartz remarking that he was "quite satisfied." Du Prez, on being asked, as all the others were, whether he had any statement to make, said: Yes, he would begin by giving a sketch of his whole life. Strange to say, the Court did not encourage this rhetorical delineator to carry out his threat.

A "drunk" was remanded till Thursday for the Court to decide whether the sentence is "to be or not to be" a flogging.

Peter Erasmus, another alleged suspected spy, is to be retained in jail, likewise two Van Rooyens, who also said they were "quite satisfied" with the sentence.

Christian J. Burger, father of the three Burgers charged last week as suspected spies, was brought up this morning on a similar charge and will be retained in jail.

Jan Arnoldus, Rudolph Britz, Frederick Minkelbek and D. Muller have also been sent to help fill the prison.

Van Rooyen and Venter were again remanded for the appearance of the boy who, it will be remembered, said he was working in Mafeking but failed to identify his employer.

Patsy Carrol was brought up in custody charged with using language the reverse of complimentary to another prisoner, Green. He was cautioned and returned to prison, and the same treatment was meted out to Green.

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## CORRESPONDENCE.

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*To the Editor of the Mafeking Mail.*

Sir,—I can myself speak to the truth of Mr. Pitts' letter. There were two commandoes of Boers from Frazerburg and Carnarvon Districts, and Colonel Bayley came from Capetown to take command from Major Nesbit and not "Inspector," as your correspondent says.

I remain, yours truly,

G. MASTERS,

Late 24th Regiment.

Mafeking, 29th Nov., 1899.

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This apposite selection was kindly forwarded to us; not recognising the signature we do not know whom to thank:

Then spake the Consul Aulus,  
He spake a bitter jest,  
Once the Jays sent a message  
Unto the Eagle's nest.  
Now yield thee forth thine eyrie  
Unto the Carrion Kite,  
Or come forth valiantly and face  
The Jays in deadly fight.  
Forth looked, in wrath, the Eagle;  
And Carrion Kite and Jay,  
As soon as they saw his beak and claw  
Fled screaming far away.

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Thursday, November 30th, 1899.

The Mafeking Mail.

THURSDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER, 1899.

### ST. ANDREW'S DAY.

"It is suggested that all 'Old Andrians,' past members of St. Andrew's College, Grahamstown, at present in Mafeking, should arrange to dine together next Sunday to celebrate the annual festival of their *alma mater*, as is customary all over South Africa. Old Andrians are requested to communicate with "V.S." at the office of this paper, when arrangements can be made."

### MY BRAVERY IN THE TRENCHES.

#### A True Incident of the Siege.

Drowsily I sank on to the ground wrapped in a kaross, whose grateful warmth soon restored comfort to my benumbed limbs, the misery of the two hours' picket duty in heavy rain was forgotten in a sleep so sound, it more resembled stupor, the stupor of extreme fatigue. It only seemed to me that a few minutes had elapsed, although it was really some hours, when I heard the order given: "Stand to Arms." Scarcely had I gained my feet when the Colonel stood before me asking in stern tones why these strangers had been allowed to pass. Stammering some excuse that it was after I left the post, I looked in the direction of his pointing hand, to my horror saw in the darkness, not two hundred yards away, a scarcely distinguishable crowd which instinct more than my sense of sight told me were mounted Boers. Luckily I had carried my rifle and bandolier when I emerged from the trench where I had been sleeping, and hastily slipping in a cartridge I crouched outside of the breast work ready to fire, unceremoniously asking the Col. to call the other men. No, said he, "you and I must do this alone." I felt that to be rather a tall order, but implicit confidence in the man who was keen enough to be in the dead of night at the very spot at the very time the enemy approached, prevented my doubting the feasibility of his carrying through anything he undertook, and when he said we were to do it alone I felt at once an inspiration, a capability for heroism, which I must confess had never before manifested itself in my breast. Some hastily whispered instructions from the Colonel as he thrust a long Cavalry sword in my right hand and a lance quite twenty feet

long in the other and the next instant I had thrust the lance right through two Boers, the weapon entering the stomach of the first, coming out between his shoulder blades, and piercing the chest of the man behind him, the point protruding quite two feet out from behind his head. While with my sword I slashed large pieces off the heads of Boer after Boer. In the meantime the Colonel had been actively engaged in a most peculiar manner. He had taken off his large cloak and waving it on high, had caught two, sometimes three, Boers at a time, in its folds immediately plunging an assegai through them. On we worked in this manner till not a single Boer was left, all were wounded. I turned to ask the Colonel what reward he thought my bravery would bring me, when I was seized by the arm, shaken me till my teeth rattled, and I awoke as a voice of thunder roared in my ear, "Stand to Arms, you sleepy headed fool," and I did.

### SUMMARY COURT OF JURISDICTION.

Before Colonel Gould-Adams, O.B.,  
C.M.G., and Colonel C. B. Vyvyan,  
Mr. C. G. H. Bell, Esq.

John Murphy, on remand for the Court to consider whether he should be flogged, charged with being drunk at 10-30 a.m. on the 27th ult., was sentenced to fourteen days' hard labour, the Court remarking that they were loth to give any white man the lash.

Charley, a Zambesi boy, was charged with stealing a vest, the property of Mr. Jenkins, who proved finding it amongst prisoner's things in prisoner's room at Ellis's corner. Mr. Jenkins said that after his place was shelled every mortal thing he had was stolen.

Remanded for further evidence.

Van Rooyen and Venter, charged with being suspected spies, were again brought up.

Jomanyane, the boy supposed to have conveyed messages to the Boers, denied having ever done so, but also denied nearly everything the other witnesses in the case had said. Was sure he is a Mokwena but didn't appear certain about anything else. Van Rooyen and Venter are to be retained in prison till affairs are settled, they in one voice declared, as did other three prisoners a day or two ago, "they were quite satisfied with the sentence." There must be something decidedly nice about jail life.





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Friday, December 1st, 1899.

The Mafeking Mail.

FRIDAY, 1ST DECEMBER, 1899.

By the courtesy of the Colonel Commanding we are enabled to print the following:—

### BRITISH VICTORY AT MODDER RIVER.

News from the South has been received this morning, through reliable native channels, to the effect that a big fight took place last week between the Boers and our force proceeding to relieve Kimberley. The encounter took place at Modder River. One of our shells broke the Boers' big gun in two. The Boers suffered a heavy defeat. A Boer describes the British force as "numerous as a cloud of locusts."

### KURUMAN DEFEATS THE BOERS

Kuruman was attacked a fortnight ago. This place is garrisoned by 66 Cape Police, 20 Townspeople and 120 Natives. They fought the Boers for five days when they retired, losing fifteen killed. Our loss one Cape Police killed.

### NEWS FROM THE NORTH.

#### We Capture the Boers' Cattle And General Malan's Son.

Captain Holdsworth and party, assisted by Linchwe's men, looted all the cattle from the Boers' Lager at Sequani. (They had a hundred wagons there). The news of the loss has created the greatest consternation throughout the Transvaal. General Malan's son and son-in-law have been captured by our force.

### "OFF THEIR OWN BAT."

The Natives near Pitsani are up in arms against the Boers.

### MAFEKING NEWS.

#### What our Snipers are Doing.

SCORE:		
MAFEKING	...	287
CRONJE	...	19

The Boers are suffering loss every day from our "Snipers." Natives say there is a big hole near McMullins, into which day by day they throw those

we kill. The wounded are sent to Zeerust. They keep very secret the number they lose.

### CRONJE HAD 3,000 MEN

in his commando when he came here. During his stay

### HE LOST 287.

When he left last week to go South there only remained 2,000 to take with him.

### WE LEARN BY DEGREES

#### What the Men of our Garrison have done.

The Boers had two pieces of artillery knocked out by us at the Waterworks affair on October 23rd.

### FUNNY MR. BOER.

#### Says He'll try Taking Mafeking Again.

The Boers say they are going to have

### ONE LAST TRY

to take Mafeking and are getting up some more guns to do it with.

[They may save themselves the trouble, they would not take it even if they had fifty guns.]

### LATEST MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Shrapnell, Solid Bases	...	30s.
" Bullets, per cwt.	...	2s. 6d
Shells, unexploded:		
Ninety-four pounders	...	75s.
Twelve pounders	...	23s.
Seven pounders	...	10s. 6d
The new Five pounder	...	14s.
Mausers bullets, per gross	...	3d
Martini bullets, per load	...	1s.

Market firm, sellers inclined to hold in anticipation of a rise, as supply is falling short of demand.

### St. John's Church, Mafeking.

#### Advent Sunday, Dec. 3rd, 1899.

The Rev. W. H. Weekes will hold the following services:—

Holy Communion,	7-30 a.m.
Matins	10-30 a.m.
Evensong	7-30 p.m.



We are glad to learn that in consequence of the success of the concert given by the Railway Division last Sunday it has been decided to hold another

**Promenade Concert**

at the North end of the Railway Camp,

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Apropos to Sir Geo. White who is now taking such an active part on the Natal side in the adjustment of South African affairs, the following extract may be of interest:—

General Sir George Stewart White gained V.C. for gallant service in Egypt in 1893, and was created G.C.B. for distinguished services in India in 1898, in which year he was appointed Quarter Master General to the forces. He is 64 years of age, was educated at Sandhurst, entered the army in 1853, served in the Indian Mutiny with 27th Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers and Seaforth Highlanders. He received his captaincy in 1863, was promoted to the rank of Major in 1873, and five years later was in the Afghan war with the Gordon Highlanders. He was present at the battle of Charasia, the occupation of Kabul, expedition to Maiden, Sharpur, capture of Takti Shah; march from Kabul to Candahar and received the Afghan medal with three clasps. He was Military Secretary to the Viceroy of India in 1881, became Lieut.-Colonel of the Gordon Highlanders in 1881, Colonel in 1885, and commanded the Brigade in Burma in 1885-1886. He was promoted Major-General for distinguished service in field, and was thanked by the Government of India. He conducted the expedition into Zoab, and was Commander-in-Chief of the forces in India from 1893 to 1898. He was born, and still has his home, in County Antrim, Ireland.

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Saturday, December 2nd, 1899.

The Mafeking Mail.

SATURDAY, 2ND DECEMBER, 1899.

SLIP No. 1.

Reprints are Now Ready.

A letter addressed to

W. E. C. SOUTHWOOD,

is in the hands of the Resident Magistrate, C. G. H. Bell, Esq., awaiting a claimant.

Mafeking Garrison.

GENERAL ORDERS.

DECEMBER 1ST, 1899.

*Scouting Parties.*—The Colonel Commanding, while recognising the excellent services done by scouting parties at night, draws the attention of all commanders to the fact that if various parties are allowed to go out independently, without obtaining his sanction, they are liable to work against each other and should confusion arise, as it may well do at night, they might fire into one another. In future, therefore, officers commanding sections of defence will obtain the Colonel's authorization before sending out scouting parties at night. This does not, of course, apply to the scouts sent out to the front of posts when the enemy is supposed to be in the vicinity.

*Relief Committee.*—It is notified for information that the Relief Committee will meet daily at 10 a.m., until further notice, at the office of the Commissioner of Customs.

*Assessment Committee.*—The Assessment Committee will meet on Sunday, at Dixon's Hotel, at 10 a.m. Owners attending at the above place and hour will be informed about what time the Committee will arrive at their respective homes.

*Court of Summary Jurisdiction.*—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet to-morrow (2nd), at the Court House, at 10-30 a.m., for the examination of such prisoners as may be brought before it. Presiding Officer: Major Gould Adams, and C. G. H. Bell, Esquire.

*Rewards.*—It has come to the notice of the Colonel Commanding that certain persons have brought in cattle, which, from their posts they have noticed to be straying towards the enemy's lines, and expected rewards for recovering them. Rewards for this service cannot be entertained as, after all, it is considered that in bringing in cattle they are only doing their duty toward the general welfare of the town. When cattle are recovered it should be reported to the Chief Staff Officer. In the event of owners not claiming the cattle at once, any expense incurred by the finders in keep, will be admissible and recoverable from the owners prior to the cattle being finally restored to them.

By order,

E. H. CECIL, Major,  
C.S.O.

LATEST NEWS.

The rumour which has been floating about the town setting forth that there has been a big fight at Fourteen Streams and Cronje defeated, lacks, up to the time of going to press, that confirmation which would enable us to print it as reliable, anxious as we are to believe it. But it may be regarded as authentic that young Piet Cronje, who was wounded here, has since died in consequence of the wound.

One of the disappearing Boers met on his way home, was asked if he were not afraid of being shot for desertion. Admitting that possibility he said he preferred taking the risk, as, if he stayed outside Mafeking, he would most likely be shot in the trenches.

Natives who have been commanded to wait on the Boers, make their coffee, carry their food, ammunition, &c., are complaining bitterly of the treatment they receive and run away whenever they get a chance. They say the Boers will not stir out from the trenches all day, but send the wretched boys on errands of numerous kinds and our sniping is so lively, and to the point, that they have to crawl about on their bellies, which wears out their clothes. This, to say the least, is very foolish of the Boers as they will probably not be able to take from the Natives clothes sound enough to cover their nakedness when the last suits they stole are worn out.

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## SUMMARY COURT OF JURISDICTION.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1ST, 1899.

*Before Colonel Goold-Adams, C.B.,  
C.M.G., and C. G. H. Bell, Esq.,  
C.C. & R.M.*

Samuel Hulley was found near the Goods Shed on the Railway premises at 9-30 on Thursday evening. McLean challenged him but got no answer, so he and C.P. Thos. J. Webb took him to the Acting Stationmaster, Mr. Storey, who told the Court "he could make nothing of him."

Prisoner's account of the affair is that, going to the Volunteer camp he took the road by the line because he thought he was "going wrong," which must have been the case, as the Court gave him three days hard.

Willem, coloured, charged with being drunk in the Commissariat yard, is a driver and would not leave the yard when Corporal Pitcher told him to. He said he got the drink from a white man in one of the large stores and that a Corporal was present at the time. Remanded for enquiries

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The Mafeking Mail.

MONDAY 4th DECEMBER, 1899.

Mafeking Garrison.

### GENERAL ORDERS.

DECEMBER 3RD, 1899.

*Court Martial.*—A Field General Court Martial will assemble to-morrow for the trial of such prisoners as shall be brought before them.

*PRESIDENT.*—Captain Marsh, Protectorate Regiment.

*MEMBERS.*—Lieut. the Hon. Hanbury Tracy, Royal Horse Guards; A Subaltern, Protectorate Regiment.

This act will be duly warned and witnesses ordered to attend. The time and place of trial will be notified by the President. Proceedings to be forwarded to the Chief Staff Officer.

*Court of Summary Jurisdiction.*—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet to-morrow, at the Court House, at 10-15 a.m. Presiding Officer: Major Lord Edward Cecil, and C. G. H. Bell, Esq., C.C. & R.M.

*Prisoners.*—When any prisoners are remanded by Officers for trial by the Court of Summary Jurisdiction, the Officers should submit the names of the witnesses and the charge, to the Court, in such time as to allow of the witnesses being duly warned to attend.

*Notice.*—Tent Pegging, Tilting at the Ring, Polo, etc. Great care must be taken by the Senior Officer present that these are not carried on in any place sufficiently visible to the enemy to draw fire, especially the ground near the Protectorate Camp, as fire directed by the enemy at this point is very liable to endanger the Women's Laager.

*Telephones.*—Considerable damage having occurred to the lines through wagon drivers flicking their whips and striking the wires when passing beneath them, all wagon drivers should be cautioned on the subject and warned that severe punishment will be meted out to any driver who is caught injuring the lines through his carelessness in this respect.

By order,

E. H. CECIL, Major,  
C.S.O.

### LATEST NEWS.

By the courtesy of the Colonel Commanding we are enabled to print the following:—

The S.S. "Reichstag" arrived at Beira from the North yesterday.

The news received in Zanzibar is up to the 16th inst. The Boers were then returning to the north of Ladysmith.

From official London cables the press correspondent says: 35 militia battalions were to be ready on the 20th instant.

Canada will send a further contingent on the 7th instant.

General Buller has ordered the evacuation of Stormberg, Rosmead, and Naauwpoort, awaiting reinforcements.

The Boers have occupied Stormberg.

The Press states that Khama's Natives report that a large party of Boers and sixty wagons have passed Baine's Drift and are coming towards Rhodes' Drift.

LONDON, Nov. 3rd.—Sir Geo. White has declared his personal responsibility for the reverse near Ladysmith, when 800 of our men were captured by the enemy. This despatch to the War Office has created a magnificent impression on the continent.

Lord Roseberry, voicing his opinion of the nation, says: "Whatever cost, we mean to see the thing through."

LONDON, Nov. 3rd.—Canada has offered an entire Brigade for service in South Africa.

Liberal Imperialists are supporting the Government, even Mr. Labouchere advocates the fight to finish.

LONDON, Nov. 4th.—The Sydney Premier suggested that the force to be called the "Australian Contingent" shall be formed, if necessary, 10,000 strong.

The Royal Berkshire Regiment has moved from Naauwpoort to De Aar.

The Boers have blown up the Aoh-tertang Railway Bridge.

A Mounted Volunteer Corps to be called the "South African Light Horse" is in process of formation at Capetown.

Captain J. C. Knapp, "Imperial Light Horse," Natal, was seriously wounded in a skirmish with the enemy early in November, he was shot through the lungs.

The English mails ex S.S. "Lusitana," left Beira at 8 p.m. on Thursday, November 23rd, and were expected at Balawyo on the 29th ult.

All quiet during the night; (dispatch left 25th) at Border Station.



"This morning. News was received, which brings us down to last Thursday, the 30th ult.

## SUCCESSFUL ENGAGEMENT AT BELMONT.

### Kimberley Relieved.

"Kimberley was successfully relieved on the 23rd by a force of 3,000 British after a severe fight at Belmont, in which the Boers lost heavily."

## BAYONETS DID IT AGAIN.

"The Boers were strongly posted in koppies, from which they were driven at point of bayonet. Our losses 58 killed, 151 wounded. Enemy's loss double (one account says 1,000)."

## COMING HERE NEXT.

### Now we Shan't be Long.

"Ten thousand men under Lord Methuen have been sent up to Kimberley."

"A flying column is proceeding to the relief of Mafeking."

## DRIVING THEM BACK IN THE NORTH.

"Up North the Boers have retired before Colonel Plumer from the neighbourhood of Tuli.

"At Sequani Colonel Holdsworth, with 100 whites and Linchwe's men, attacked the Boer laager on the 26th, 26 Boers were killed, 100 head of cattle, 13 horses, 12 Mausers and 28 women and children were captured. The women and children have been handed back. Our loss: 15 Natives killed, 16 wounded. A party of Linchwe's also cut off five spans of the enemy's oxen near Gaberones. The Boers then retreated to Crocodile Pools, after burning their supply of forage, etc.

"On the 29th the Boers shelled Sequani without doing any harm and then advanced to attack, but Linchwe's men lining the river bank, drove them back with heavy fire."

## HOW MANY DOES THIS MAKE?

"Fifteen thousand men have gone to Natal under General Clery."

## GYMKHANA MEETING.

A most successful Gymkhana Meeting was held yesterday under the patronage of the Colonel Commanding, R. S. S. Baden-Powell. Major H. J. Godley kindly acted as Secretary and thanks are due to him and the Committee for the excellent manner in which the whole was carried out. The

committee consisted of Lieut-Colonel J. A. H. Walford, Captain Lord C. Cavendish-Bentinck, Captain H. C. Singleton. The Judge was Major Gould-Adams and the Starter Lieut-Colonel C. O. Hore.

The day's Sports opened a little before noon with.

## TILTING AT THE RING.

By N.C.O.'s and men of the Protectorate Regt.

The letter after the name denotes the Squadron.	Tilts.	Total.
Trooper Bones, C ...	1 0 2	3
Corporal Kelly, A ...	0 1 2	3
Trooper Hogan, A ...	1 1 0	2
Sergeant Williams, B ...	0 2 0	2
Sergeant Stebbins, A ...	1 0 0	1
Trooper Poole, A ...	1 0 0	1
Corporal Kelland, C ...	0 1 0	1
Trooper Terblanche, B ...	0 1 0	1
Trooper Braisher, A ...	0 0 1	1
Trooper Lambert, A ...	0 0 1	1
Trooper Mattinshook, B ...	0 0 1	1
Sergt. Major Wyllie, D ...	0 0 0	0
Sergeant Parsons, D ...	0 0 scratched	
Sergeant Waller, A ...	0 0 0	0
Corporal Robertson, D ...	0 0 0	0
Trooper Humphries, A ...	0 0 0	0
Trooper Maher, A ...	0 0 0	0
Trooper Silby, A ...	0 0 0	0

## TENT PEGGING.

	2nd Try	Final
Trooper Poole, Prot. ...	12	6 6
Corporal Newton, B.S.A.P. ...	12	6 0
Private Scally, C.P. ...	12	2
Private Hodgson, C.P. ...	12	0
Corporal Abrams, C.P. ...	10	
Private Gradie, C.P. ...	10	
Trooper Armstrong, B.S.A.P. ...	8	
Corporal Ellworthy, B.S.A.P. ...	6	
Corporal Kelly, Protectorate ...	6	
Private Dnrand, C.P. ...	6	
Private Hazelrigg, C.P. ...	6	
Trooper Murrell, B.S.A.P. ...	6	
Corporal Kelland, Prot. ...	1	
Trooper Bones, " ...	1	
" Lambert, " ...	1	
" Murray, C.P. ...	1	
" Terblanche, Prot. ...	1	
Sergt. Major Wyllie, " ...	2	
Corporal Braisher, " ...	2	
Corporal McDowall, " ...	2	
L.-Corpl Tomlinson, B.S.A.P. ...	2	
Trooper Garland, B.S.A.P. ...	2	
" Lloyd, B.S.A.P. ...	2	
" Olsen, Protectorate ...	2	
Private Rushton, Bech. Rifles ...	2	
Corporal Cash, C.P. ...		
" Cooke, Bech. Rifles ...		
" Robertson, Prot. ...		
L.-Corpl Rowland, Bech. Rifles ...		
Sergt. Major Bunbury (scratched) ...		
Sergeant Parsons, Protectorate ...		
" Ross, " ...		
" Stebbins, " ...		
" Waller, " ...		
Trooper Hogan, " ...		
" Humphrey, " ...		
" Maher, " ...		
" Mattinshaw, " ...		
" Reid, C.P. ...		
" Swart, Bech. Rifles. ...		

We will continue this in to-morrow's slip. Time prevents more being done to-day.

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### The Mafeking Mail.

TUESDAY, 5TH DECEMBER, 1899.

## Mafeking Garrison.

### GENERAL ORDERS.

MAFEKING, DECEMBER 4TH, 1899.

**Outposts.**—In future no one is allowed to pass the Outposts unless their pass has been countersigned by an Officer of the Headquarter Staff.

**Requisitions.**—All persons having received any requisitions for supplies such as Stationery, etc., for the use of the Headquarter Staff, for Imperial purposes, should send the same in to Mr. P. C. Beasley, Headquarter Staff Office, Dixon's Hotel, by Wednesday next. In future these accounts should be rendered by him weekly on each Saturday.

**Hire of Office, Stores, &c.**—Notice of all rents due by the Imperial authorities for the hire of Offices, Building, Stores, etc., should also be sent in to Mr. P. C. Beasley, as above.

**Court of Summary Jurisdiction.**—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet to-morrow, at the Court House, at 10-15 a.m. Presiding Officer: Major Gould-Adams, and Lieut.-Colonel C. B. Vyvyan.

By order,

E. H. CECIL, Major,  
C.S.O.

### CUTTINGS FROM OUR CONTEMPORARIES

From the "Cape Times" Weekly last to hand:—

The gallant defence shown by the little garrison at Mafeking has greatly impressed foreign nations. It was never anticipated that the town could hold out, and the French press expected that the Boers would have a walk over.

From "Bulawayo Chronicle," November 23th, 1899:—

One of the members of the Natal Mounted Rifles says it is to be hoped in future that no quarter will be given,

and relates the reason for the expression of this hope. After an officer had stopped his men from shooting a Boer, who had begged for mercy, the old villain shot his saviour dead.

From "Bulawayo Chronicle," November 25th, 1899:—

Not a single voice is raised in the English press against the firm attitude of the Cabinet in its declared intention to finally crush the Boer Republics. Not a single despondent chord is sounded. The universal note is pride in the unshaken courage displayed by our troops and admiration of the gallant manner in which the overpowered forces at Nicholson's Nek fought to the last against overwhelming odds.

### SURRENDER OF VRYBURG.

The *Argus* says that the bitter thing about the Vryburg surrender is that it was plainly brought about by the treachery of some of the inhabitants, including all those who, as volunteers, have taken the oath of allegiance to the Queen.

### CYMKHANA CONTINUED.

After luncheon the sports recommenced with Section Tent Pegging, teams of four, for a prize presented by Colonel Baden-Powell. Cape Police, D. 2, was the winning team. The following is the score:—

				Total.
Cape Police, D. 2	13	23	21	63
B.S.A.P., No. 1 Team	18	20	22	60
Cape Police, D. 1	16	16	16	48
Prot., C Squadron	10	14	10	34
B.S.A.P., No. 2 Team	11	11	12	34
Prot., D Squadron	13	9	7	29
" B "	7	9	8	24
" A "	3	5	13	21
Beechamland Rifles	2	7	11	20

Next came the Tug-of-War, teams of eight.

#### FIRST DRAW

WINNERS	LOSERS
Town Guard, Ellis's and Knaul	Town C Squadron
B.S.A.P.	Railway Division
Cape Police, D. 2	Prot., D Squadron
Beechamland Rifles	Prot., B Squadron
Protectorate A Squadron	Artillery
Cape Police, D. 1	Hussar Brigade

#### SECOND DRAW

Cape Police, D. 2	Beechamland Rifles
B.S.A.P.	Prot., A Squadron
Cape Police, D. 1	Town Guard, Ellis's and Knaul

#### THIRD DRAW

Cape Police, D. 2	Cape Police, D. 1
Cape Police, D. 2	B.S.A.P.

# PRIVATE SWEEPSTAKES.

About Three Furlongs.

Mr. Weil's "Gallia," (Morrel)	1
Capt. Singleton's "Baby," (Lieut. Monerieff) ... ..	2
— — — — —	
Mr. Weil's "Dick," (George) ...	1
Lieut. Monerieff's Bay Pony (Owner) ... ..	2
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A Polo Match was played between Captains of Protectorate Regiment: Capt. Lord C. Bentinck, Capt. Marsh, Capt. Fitzelarence, Capt. Singleton, and Officers of the Garrison: Lt.-Col. Walford, Major Godley, Lt. Dunlop Smith, Lt. Paton. The umpire being Major Baillie, whose decisions gave universal satisfaction.

During the week the ground had been well levelled, the only thing in Mafeking which has been levelled, notwithstanding our Grietje and her colleagues, and the result was greatly increased satisfaction to the players. Lord C. Bentinck and Major Godley were "backs" to their respective teams. In the first chukker the Protectorate made two and the Garrison one. In the second the Protectorate were three to two, and after good and fast play the Protectorate won by five to four. The game throughout was well contested and the ponies would not have disgraced any Polo ground. It is to be hoped that, Grietje cum Cronje permitting, this will prove the first of a series of such matches.

The Band of the Bechuanaland Rifles was in attendance and played during the afternoon various selections in an efficient manner.

## NOTICE.

PERSONS having spare Silver are requested to take it to the Chief Paymaster, who will give gold or cheques in exchange.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the *Mail and Mail*

SIR,—These are the true facts of Major Nesbit's case. He arrived the day after the battle of Griquatown, from Koegas, with his contingent. He went with Warren and Lanyon to Paarde Kloof and was at the battle, but it was three days after the battle he got wounded, he being in charge of a small body of the D.F.H., one star and two star (the Kimberley Devils as they were called then). They came from Debie Nek with Colonel Warren after the Griquatown battle. They were in the kloof reconnoitring. The writer of this was with them at the time. Six days afterwards some 50 of us left for Kimberley but were stopped at Campbell by five hundred of the rebels. Our orders from Col. Lanyon were: "Stand firm, spare your cartridges, and don't make targets of yourselves." We did so, and only one of us got shot, that was Mr. Cruell,

of Town Cruell, Kimberley. At four o'clock in the afternoon we gave three cheers and stormed their position. They left some ten or fifteen of their dead for us to bury, which we did. The rebels were only 200 yards away in a sluit and hidden in bush. They certainly showed more pluck than Cronje's lot has as yet. We had a proper repast at Smith Drift, provided by Mr. Smith himself; he set his house free to us all. This was in 1877. I owned then two mule wagons which were employed by the Government at that time. On one of the wagons I carried always a flag with a hand and heart upon it. From this the rebels took it for Col. Lanyon's wagon and riddled it with shot.

Trusting I am not intruding on your space, I am, yours &c.,

W. R. ORSON.

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The Mafeking Mail.

WEDNESDAY    6th DECEMBER, 1899

### Mafeking Garrison.

#### GENERAL ORDERS.

MAFEKING, DECEMBER 5TH, 1899

*Court of Summary Jurisdiction.*—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet to-morrow, at the Court House, at 10-15 a.m. Presiding Officer: Major Lord Edward Cecil, and C.G. H. Bell, Esq., C.C. & R.M.

By order,

E. H. CECIL, Major,  
C.S.O.

#### RAIN, RAIN, RAIN.

"Dead puppies, stinking prats, all drenched in mud, drowned cats and turnips came tumbling down the flood" is what Dean Swift said in his description of a city shower. We suppose from his mentioning dead puppies and drowned cats that he meant it was raining "cats and dogs." We don't know the origin of the "cats and dogs" shower, but if its root is "Kata doxas," as some learned writer suggested, or "contrary to experience," we think it rained "cats and dogs" yesterday. A sprinkle of over eight inches in about one hour is decidedly contrary to experience. Fortunately we are so positioned that there is ample natural drainage to take away even the enormous quantity of water which fell yesterday, but the trenches were soon filled, and from them the water could not run. More damage to property was done by the storm than the Boers have accomplished in their "storming." Rations were destroyed, kits washed away, and in one case a man was nearly drowned, or smothered in mud. He slipped in, fortunately feet downwards, and had not two of his companions been near him and promptly "hauled him back again," he would have been done for. At the Hospital Redan the underground kitchen was flooded with six feet of water, the dinner beef spoiled and various little "extras" the men had subscribed to buy, were lost. The Women's Lager trench was an underground canal. The Sisters were washed out

from their "bomb-proof" and the C.P. had an hour's diving in a seven feet deep, coffee coloured pool, for Maxim ammunition, while everyone had an experience of wetness and discomfort, which it is to be hoped will remain unique, but which was borne by the whole garrison in the same cheery manner which has been shown during all the time of the siege. We hope our friend the enemy enjoyed himself, and to help cheer him up, should like to tell him that through his lack of nous and pluck he missed a chance yesterday to annoy us, which is never likely to present itself again.

#### PROMENADE CONCERT.

When the Railway Division do a thing they do it well, and the second Siege Concert which they gave on Sunday proves it. Although the Gymkhana kept visitors away during the first part, the many late arrivals showed how the entertainment was appreciated. The management was able to keep better to the published programme than last week, and Mrs. Lees having sufficiently recovered her indisposition to enable her to appear, made an additional attraction. This lady, who possesses a sweet voice and can manage it well, will prove a musical acquisition to Mafeking. We hope soon to hear her indoors without the disadvantage of the open air to contend with. Our Orchestral Society also acquitted themselves most creditably. Mr. Layton, we beg his pardon. Sergt.-Major, Layton sang two songs and was deservedly encoored. Mr. Tony Cooper sang "The Promised Land" and another of his own composition: "Let 'em all come" (revised), in which allusion is made to the gallantry of Trooper Stevens, who carried Webb to the Hospital when "Spider" was wounded. It is unnecessary to say this was well received. Captain Ryan sang artistically and well "In Friendship's Name," and showed his versatility by responding to the determined call for an encore with one of "Chevalier's" songs. The remainder of the programme comprised "Saku Bona Zonka" and "The Blathermskite" by Mr. King. "In Old Madrid" by Mr. Crittenden, and "The Old Brigade" by Mr. Russell, completing an excellent concert. Refreshments were served and a most enjoyable entertainment was provided, for which the thanks of the community are certainly due to the Railway Division.



## THE FIGHT NEAR KIMBERLEY.

### Where Botha was Killed.

#### Official Account.

Colonial Kekewich to Chief Staff Officer, October 24th, 9 p.m.—Lieut.-Colonel Scott Turner proceeded northward with about 270 mounted men about four this morning. The party off-saddled at McFarlane's at about 8-10. Continued the journey towards Riverton Road Station. Almost at once scattered parties of Boers were seen on right flank. Turner took up a position at McFarlane's and saw 135 Boers south of his position about 1,200 yards range. Turner opened fire and saw Boers falling. At 10 a.m. two hundred Boers were seen advancing from the north to reinforce the Boers already in position. Turner opened fire at 1,700 yards on this body and emptied several saddles. The enemy now moved to a sandheap and opened fire at Turner's force at 2,000 yards, which we returned. Turner endeavoured to cut off the Boers advancing against Murray at 2 p.m., but was met by a heavy magazine fire from dam wall not previously noticed, about 600 yards from his left flank. At 11 a.m. I ordered Lieut.-Colonel Murray to proceed north with 130 men of the Lancashire Regiment by train, which had been kept ready. The armoured train was already in support of Turner's forces. At 11-56 Murray left Kimberley, and at the same time two guns, two Maxims, with an escort of 70 mounted men, advanced by road towards McFarlanes. Murray's force proceeded direct to Turner's position, now six miles from here. The fold of ground hid the train from view. At 1-10 I saw our two guns suddenly come into action against the Boers on hills north-east of them in a very unfavourable position in low ground. Their artillery fire was very brisk. I at once ordered a second train to be held in readiness. About 1-30 p.m. it was noticed through the smoke of guns that Murray's train had returned, and his men were in support of guns. At 2 p.m. the second train was forwarded with seventy of the Kimberley regiment and additional ammunition for the guns. Two coaches were also sent on the train to bring back the wounded. The North Lancashires behaved most excellently and cleared the Boers out of the kopjes. Turner cannot be too highly commended for the part he took in to-day's engagement. Commandant Botha, of Boshof (commandant), and many Boers were killed. The estimated strength of the Boer forces engaged to-day were 700 men. Our success will have very good effect in this neighbourhood. The Boers twice attempted to make treacherous use of the white flag. List of our killed: Private H. J. Elliott, Cape Police; Private R. S. Mackenzie, Cape Police; Trooper Leopold, K.L.H. Wounded: Lieut. R. L. McClintock, R.E., slightly; Lieuts. J. G. Lowndes and C. H. Bingham, North Lancashires both severely. Private A. Milner

severely and Private H. Lee slightly, both North Lancashires; C. H. Hoskins, Dye, Gow, Simpson, Peterson, and Gradwell, Cape Police; Dodds, Harris, Chapman, McCaskial, Brady, and Beddy (?), K.L.H.; M. N. Hartigan, F. D. Paynes, A. F. Dickenson, A Bankier, D.F.A., K.L.H. is Kimberley Light Horse, raised three days ago.

#### SAD ACCIDENT.

A regrettable occurrence took place this afternoon by which Town Councillor Gerrans and his assistant, Mr. Green, also a passer-by, named Smith, was injured. An unexploded shell was being opened for the purpose of extracting the charge when by some means—the details of which have not yet been made clear—the thing exploded. The three were removed to the Hospital.

#### BEEF FOR CHRISTMAS.

Watching and feeding cattle just now must cause the Boers a deal of anxiety, therefore we feel glad to learn that some of our natives have relieved them of part of their worry by bringing in a lot of nice fat oxen which the Boers have been taking care of.

#### THE CONCHOLOGICAL MARKET

Is drooping, probably in sympathy with the depressed state of the big gun. Directly settling day arrives we may expect a rush for it, when, no doubt, a lot of other shells will go suddenly up. In the meantime holders of ninety-four pounders are hanging fire, awaiting the "boom" in this stock. Till it comes let your maxim be: "Sit tight and do not be alarmed at the various reports." Buyers and lenders of five-pounders are very scarce. The fortunate holders of paper of this denomination positively declining to part.

#### TRUTH IS STRANGER THAN FICTION.

This is the latest "narrow escape" which we relate as was told us:—

"He was on the roof looking through a spy glass when the shell struck. The concussion sent him up several feet in the air. While he was thus travelling the shell exploded underneath him. He dropped back on to the roof just after the explosion and rolled into the gutter; unhurt."

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### The Mafeking Mail.

THURSDAY, 7TH DECEMBER, 1899.

We are sure we represent the whole of Mafeking when we offer most hearty congratulations to Captain Wilson and Lady Sara Wilson on her ladyship's safe arrival in our tight little garrison, after her experiences with the Boers.

### Mafeking Garrison.

#### GENERAL ORDERS.

MAFEKING, DECEMBER 6TH, 1899.

**Pay.**—With reference to General Orders of the 9th November for the Colonial Contingent, Capt. Goodyear is entitled to draw pay at the rate of 15s. per diem from the 13th October.

**Defences.**—All empty sacks in town must be delivered to the Town Commandant's office by to-morrow night.

**States.**—Weekly States of the Protectorate Regiment, B.S.A. Police, Cape Police, and Bechuanaland Rifles should be furnished on Saturday morning at 9 a.m., to the C.S.O.

**Hospital.**—The P.M.O. will furnish a return weekly of the number of patients in Hospital, showing those admitted and those discharged. Any deaths will be reported immediately to the C.S.O., they will also be shown on the State.

**Stores.**—O.C.'s and units of Corps are requested to send in statements as soon as possible showing any deficiencies that may exist in their stores and standing equipment that may require to be replaced prior to troops taking the field.

**Court of Summary Jurisdiction.**—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet to-morrow, in the Court House, at 10-15 a.m. Presiding Officer: Major Goold-Adams and Lieut. Colonel Vyvyan.

By order,

E. H. CECIL, Major,  
C.S.O.

The Colonel Commanding has doubtless received many peculiar messages from the Boers since the besiegement

but none have been sent in a more interesting manner than was the following, which came to hand in a five pounder common shell. It was written in pencil upon a scrap of thin waterlined letter paper.

"Mr. Baden Powell

Pleas excuse me for sending this iron messenger I have no other to send a Present. he is rather exentric but vorgive him if he does not behave well I wish to ask you not to let your men drink all the whisky as I wish to have a drink when we all come to see you. kindly tell Mrs Dunkley that her mother and vanily are all well.

I remain

yours trewly  
a Republican."

### SUMMARY COURT OF JURISDICTION.

THURSDAY, 7TH DECEMBER, 1899.

*Before Colonel Goold-Adams, C.B.,  
C.M.G., and Colonel C. B. Vyvyan.*

Thomas Brown, the gentleman who was before this same Court last month in connection with certain dealings in unexploded explosives, was charged with assaulting Mr. Jones, chemist, and damaging certain property. Mr. Jones proved that as his shop and office were too frequently subjected to the visitation of Mausers he had a table placed in the Town Hall, on which he wrote, &c. Returning from serving a customer he found his table, books and papers had been placed outside. The accused, who was connected with one of our big guns round the corner, apparently felt aggrieved at Mr. Jones' presence and notified him that he would "not allow him in there." Presumably, to emphasise his opinions, he caught Mr. Jones by the throat, threatened to smash his spectacles, and managed in the scuffle to knock the table with Mr. Jones' head, damaging it against the door, the table not the head, to the extent of five shillings. As the complainant has not yet recovered from a bullet wound in the shoulder he was unable to resist. Prisoner, who pleaded not guilty, made a statement in which he admitted adopting the role of chucker-out, without authority, was found guilty of the assault, sentenced to have the table repaired at his own expense, and to one month's hard labour at the Colony's expense.

## WARNING.

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Unless the tobacco left at the office of the "Mail" and advertised in these columns more than a week ago, is claimed within three days from this date it will be smoked, without further notice.

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## THE ACCIDENT YESTERDAY.

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### Death of one of the Victims.

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We are glad to learn from the P.M.O. that both Mr. Gerrans and Mr. Green are doing well. The former had the tips of the fingers on his left hand injured and a few small cuts about the legs. The latter had his left foot hurt and it was found necessary to amputate it at the ankle, beyond this he had no other injuries. The other poor fellow who was passing the shop at the time of the explosion died soon after arriving at the hospital. He, W. Smith, was a stranger to Mafeking, a native of Poplar, London; a boiler maker by trade, he had worked some six months at the Langlaagte mines, B. block, in company with a Mr. Harris. Together with him and four others he came here intending to return to Johannesburg with the Column they, in common with many others, expected to see produced from Mafeking long ere this. They stayed at Kimberley for a day or two with Mr. Richard Greaves, of the Blueposts Hotel, Main Street, to whom, we believe, the deceased was known. From Kimberley the party of six came here by the train which, it will be remembered, was fired upon by the Boers, arriving on the Monday before hostilities were opened. All of them took rifles in defence of the town, Deceased, with his chum Harris, being stationed at the Hospital Redan. Although not a man of education he was exceedingly shrewd, and took great interest in everything connected with the leading question of the day. As he did not lack courage he would probably have proved very useful had the Boers come within range. We understand the funeral is arranged to take place this evening, at sundown.

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An ambulance wagon went to the Boer lines this afternoon and brought in an addition to the population of Mafeking in the shape of Mr. Crament, 176 Cottage, and his family. We welcome the sturdy ganger and hope Mrs. Crament will soon recover perfect health.

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### NOTICE.

We regret that the indisposition of one of our limited staff has prevented us printing so much as we should like to have done. No paper will be published to-morrow, Saturday. The next issue will be on Monday.

### The Mafeking Mail.

FRIDAY, 8TH DECEMBER, 1899.

### Mafeking Garrison.

#### GENERAL ORDERS.

MAFEKING, DECEMBER 7TH, 1899.

*Court of Summary Jurisdiction.*—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet in the Court House to-morrow at 10-15 a.m. Presiding Officer: Major Lord Edward Cecil and C. G. H. Bell, Esq., C.C. & R.M.

By order,

E. H. CECIL, Major,  
C.S.O.

### JEOPARDIZING UNNECESSARILY.

Wednesday's sad occurrence, we cannot call the concomitant of given circumstances an "accident," which has resulted in the death of one of the three injured men points out the un-wisdom of taking needless risk in a useless cause. Had the death and maiming been brought about through operations connected with the defence of the town we should, while commiserating the victims, have had the satisfaction of knowing that the loss and damage was in a good cause but we fail to recognise any justification whatever for this risk being incurred. Whatever the Boers might have done had they been courageous enough and expert enough would have been borne as becomes us, stoically, philosophically, but a wanton waste like this is foolish, wicked: as the work was calculated to serve no useful end. We have too much sincere regard for our respected townsman to find fault with him for undertaking what he may have regarded as a matter of duty, but we hope that if anyone else is desirous of having these hideous things rendered harmless he will execute the task himself or employ experts whose technical knowledge will reduce the risk to almost nil.

### CUTTINGS FROM THE "BULAWAYO CHRONICLE."

Even the well informed "Diplomaticus" in the *Fortnightly Review* confesses that he never expected the Transvaal would go to war, but believed they would play the game of bluff to the end and then give way.

There is one thing about this deplorable war that makes us ask whether President Kruger has not been duped by his agents. We can scarcely believe that he would have entered upon this war unless he had the idea that the Cape Dutch would make a strong diversion in his favour, in short that they would rise. If this were so, he has been misled, the Cape Dutch having lost the opportunity. They will not rise now that General Buller's column has arrived; we never thought that they would. They had too much to lose, probably seeing the fatuousness of the movement, and intended only to threaten the Imperial Government. Paul Kruger, like Mr. Gladstone, will make a big and overwhelming mistake at the end of a long and brilliant career, a mistake which will eclipse all his past fame, and stamp him in history as a fourth-rate statesman.

### AND EAST LONDON DAILY "DISPATCH."

#### MAFEKING DEFENDERS ALL PRISONERS.

LONDON, Tuesday, 5 a.m.—The Boer agents in London daily announce victories of the Boer forces over the Imperial troops.

Last night they declared as a fact, that the Boers, under Commandant Cronje, had captured Mafeking, and had taken the defenders as prisoners.

The troops in the Cape and Natal are sure to be deluged with luxuries of all kinds at Christmas tide.

Cut from a recent *Cape Times*:—

#### LOST.

AT Newlands, on Sunday, a Dark Bay Horse with a white spot on his forehead and on the nose; a right hind leg and a white left front leg.

It will be easy to recognise that horse by a "right hind leg."





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Monday, December 11th, 1899.

The Mafeking Mail

MONDAY, 11TH DECEMBER, 1899.

### NOTICE.

I would ask any old Carthusians who may be in Mafeking to communicate with me with a view to holding a Carthusian Dinner to-morrow, Founder's Day.

R. S. S. BADEN-POWELL,  
Colonel.

Mafeking, 11 Dec., 1899.

### WAR AGAINST WOMEN & CHILDREN.

In another column, by the courtesy of the Colonel Commanding, we are enabled to print a letter addressed to the Boer General now in charge outside Mafeking, and we think it will prove of great public interest. It is evident that whatever the intentions of the Transvaal Government, at the outbreak of hostilities, respecting their international obligations and notwithstanding the declarations in the more intelligent portion of a not particularly high standard press, of the desire to carry on their unscientific operations with due regard to those principles approved and adopted by all civilized countries and subscribed to by themselves at the Convention of Geneva, they have been unable to control the horde they have called out on this biceaneering expedition or the leaders are not sufficiently advanced to understand and appreciate the guiding principles which govern the treatment of an enemy by higher and more cultivated races. To capture a lady and keep her in discomfort and what would have become absolute peril when our force advances, till one of their males kept in prison in default of bail, was released in exchange, does not apparently strike them as incongruous with their late arrogation of equality amongst civilized powers. Even the wife and children of the ganger who came in last week, met with no consideration from the Boers. Certainly they spared their lives, the children were not killed, but they were driven from their home with but four blankets and one pillow amongst ailing woman with four young children. Certainly the reckoning will be a long one.

### A LETTER TO THE BOERS.

Mafeking, 8th Dec., 1899.

To General J. P. Snyman,  
near Mafeking.

Sir, - I beg to thank you for having handed over Lady Sarah Wilson in exchange for the convict P. Viljoen.

At the same time, I beg to point out that I have only consented to the exchange under protest, as being contrary to the custom of civilized warfare.

In treating this lady as a prisoner of war, as well as in various other acts, you have in the present campaign, altered the usual conditions of war. This is a very serious matter; and I do not know whether it has the sanction of General Joubert or not, but I warn you of the consequences.

The war was at first, and would remain, as far as Her Majesty's troops are concerned, a war between one Government and another; but you are making it one of people against people in which women are considered as belligerents. I warn you that the consequence of this may shortly be very serious to your own people, and you yourself will be to blame for anything that may happen.

Regarding your complaint as to your being attacked by Natives, I beg to refer you to my letter dated 14th November, addressed to your predecessor, General Cronje. In this letter I went out of my way, as one white man to another, to warn you that the Natives are becoming extremely incensed at your stealing their cattle, and the wanton burning of their Kraals; they argued that the war lay only between our two Nations, and that the quarrel had nothing to do with themselves, and they had remained neutral in consequence, excepting in the case of the Mafeking Baralong, who had to defend their homes in consequence of your unjustifiable invasion. Nevertheless you thought fit to carry on cattle thefts and raids against them, and you are now beginning to feel the consequences; and, as I told you, I could not be responsible. And I fear from what I have just heard by wireless telegraph that the Natives are contemplating further operations should your Forces continue to remain within or on the borders of their territories. Before the commencement of the war the High Commissioner issued stringent orders to all Natives that they were to remain quiet and not to take up Arms unless their territory were invaded, (in which case, of course, they had a perfect right to defend themselves).

Linchwe—of whom you complain—remained neutral until you brought a force into his principal town and looted his traders' stores, and were making preparations for shelling his stadt on the 26th ultimo. Having obtained accurate information of these intentions of yours and, warned by what had happened to the Natives near Mafeking, he attacked your laager on the 24th in order to save his town from being shelled and consequent loss of life amongst his women and children. In this I consider he was quite justified, and you have no one but yourself to blame in the matter.

While on the subject of Natives please do not suppose that I am ignorant of what you have been doing with regard to seeking the assistance of armed natives, nor of the use of the Natives by you in the destruction of the railway line south of Mafeking. However, having done my duty in briefly giving you warning on these points, I do not propose to further discuss them by letter.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R. S. S. BADEN POWELL, Col.

## Mafeking Garrison.

### GENERAL ORDERS.

MAFEEKING, DECEMBER 9TH, 1899.

*Staff Duties.*—During the temporary indisposition of Major Lord Edward Cecil the duties of Chief Staff Officer will be performed by Major F. W. Panzera.

*Court of Summary Jurisdiction.*—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet on Monday, the 11th instant, in the Court House, at 10-15 a.m. Presiding Officer: Major Goold-Adams, Member, C. G. H. Bell, Esq., C.C. & R.M. Mr. William Forsyth is appointed Clerk to the above Court and will be responsible that all copies of convictions will be sent to the proper people.

*Proceedings of Summary Court of Jurisdiction.*—The original copies of proceedings of the Court of Summary Jurisdiction should be returned to the Headquarter Office. In future certified extracts will be furnished to C.O.'s and others concerned.

*Visiting Justice.*—The Visiting Justice to the Mafeking Gaol for the ensuing week will be Major Goold-Adams.

*Defence Works.*—All requisitions regarding labour and repairs in connection with defence works and buildings occupied under the Military Authorities should be addressed to the Base Commandant, Lieutenant-Colonel C.B. Vyvyan; Office: Market Square.

*Requisitions for Labour.*—Requisitions for working parties, whether for the current night, or the following day, should reach the Base Commandant,

either in writing, or by telephone, not later than 4-30 p.m., otherwise it may not be possible to furnish the labour required.

*Straying of Live Stock.*—Attention is again directed to General Order No. 3, of the 30th October, 1899. Any animals found outside the Zareba on the eastern front will be confiscated and such animals will be sent to Captain Ryan, D.A.A.G., to be used as he may direct.

By order,

F. W. PANZERA, Major,  
Acting C.S.O.

MAFEEKING, DECEMBER 10TH, 1899.

*Tools.*—Officers commanding units and sections of defence, etc., should return, as soon as possible, all tools (except the proportion mentioned below) to the Base Commandant: 2 picks and 4 shovels will be retained at each work for ordinary repairs and maintenance, and 6 picks and 12 at the Headquarters of the Protectorate Regiment. The tools thus retained should be marked: "taken on charge," and accounted for in the usual way.

*Appointment.*—Raymond Girdwood, Esq., late Captain 3rd Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, is appointed an Acting A.S.C. Officer, with local and temporary rank of Captain, to date from the 10th instant.

*Assessment Damages.*—All persons are required to file, without further delay, any claims they may wish to prefer for damage done to their property in order that a total approximate estimate may be arrived at of the damage done by the enemy's shell fire, in and around the vicinity of Mafeking. Claims for any damage done during the week should be filed as they occur. Owners sending in one or more claims must number them consecutively in respect of each erf.

By order,

F. W. PANZERA, Major,  
Acting C.S.O.

### LATEST NEWS.

By the courtesy of the Colonel Commanding we are enabled to print the following:—

The following items of news were received to-day from Natives:

The Boers are aware that troops are on the way up to Mafeking, and they believe them to be under command of Dr. Jameson.

They are very annoyed at what they call the Baralong treachery on the 26th October.

It may be remembered that the enemy advanced to attack the western position and the Native stadt. They say that, relying on the Baralongs in the stadt to be friendly, they advanced in that direction to attract our attention while they made a real attack further west and northward. But to their surprise a heavy fire was opened upon them from the stadt, which caused

great havoc amongst their front line,—as they express it: "Every man in advance received a bullet on the face, chest, or stomach"—and they fell back dismayed. They had not reckoned on finding some of the Protectorate Regiment there.

They say there was a big fight at the end of last moon between Kimberley and the Vaal River, in which the British lost 500 killed and the Boers 1,000.

All the Boers south of Mafeking are moving their cattle northward to Rooi Grond as they say the English troops are advancing.

The three Natives who brought this news also brought 14 head of Cattle which they had lifted from the Boers

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The Mafeking Mail.

TUESDAY, 12TH DECEMBER, 1899.

By the courtesy of the Colonel Commanding we are able to lay before our readers the following reproduction of a communication carried to the Boers by the riders seen leaving the town yesterday.

### NOTICE

To the Burghers of the Z.A.R.  
at present under arms near  
Mafeking.

*From the Officer Commanding Her  
Majesty's Forces, Mafeking.*

BURGHERS,—I address you in this manner because I have only recently learnt how you are being intentionally kept in the dark by your officers and your Government newspapers as to what is really happening in other parts of South Africa.

As officer commanding Her Majesty's troops on this border I think it right to point out to you clearly the inevitable result of your remaining any longer in arms against Great Britain.

You are all aware that the present war was caused by the invasion of British territory by your forces, and as most of you know, without any justifiable reason.

Your leaders do not tell you, that so far your forces have met with what is only the advanced guard of the British forces, and that circumstances have changed within the past week; the main body of the British is now daily arriving by thousands from England, Canada, India, and Australia, and is about to advance through your country. In a few weeks the South African Republic will be in the hands of the English; no sacrifice of life on your part can stop it. The question now to put to yourselves before it is this: Is it worth while losing your lives in a vain attempt to stop their invasion or to take a town beyond your borders which, if taken, would be of no use to you? (And I may tell you that Mafeking cannot be taken by sitting down and looking at it, for we have ample supplies for several months to come).

The Staat Artillery have done us very little damage, and we are now well protected with forts and mines. Your presence here, or elsewhere, under arms, cannot stop the British advancing into your country.

Your leaders and newspapers are also trying to make you believe that some foreign continental powers are likely to intervene in your behalf against England. This is not in keeping with their pretence, that your side is going to be victorious, nor is it in accordance with facts. The S.A.R. having declared war and taken the offensive cannot claim intervention on its behalf. And were it not so, the German Emperor is at present in England, and fully in sympathy with us: the American Government have warned others of their intention to side with England should any other nation interfere; France has large interests in the gold fields identical with those of England; and Italy is entirely in accord with us; and Russia sees no cause to interfere.

The war is a war of one Government against another and not of people against people. The duty assigned to my troops is to sit still here until the proper time arrives and then to fight and to kill until you give in. You, on the other hand, have other interests to think of, in your families and farms and their safety.

Your leaders have caused the destruction of farms in this country and have fired on women and children, and our men are becoming hard to restrain in consequence. Your leaders have also caused invasion of Kafir territory, and looting of their cattle, and have thus induced them to rise, and in their turn to invade your country; and to kill your burghers. As one white man to another I warned General Cronje on the 11th November that this would occur, and yesterday I heard that more Kafirs are rising, and are contemplating similar moves; and I have warned Snyman accordingly. Thus great bloodshed, and destruction of farms threaten you on all sides, and I wish to offer you a chance of avoiding it. To this end my advice to you is to return without delay to your homes and there remain peacefully till the war is over. Those of you who do this before the 14th instant will be as far as possible protected, as regards yourselves, your families, and property, from confiscations, looting and other penalties to which those who remain under arms may be subjected when the invasion takes place.

Our secret agents will communicate to me the names of those who do and of those who do not avail themselves, before the 13th instant, of the terms now offered.

To ensure their property being respected all the men of a family must be



present at home when the troops arrive and be prepared to hand over a rifle and 150 rounds of ammunition each.

The above terms do not apply to officers or to members of the Staats Artillery, who may surrender as prisoners of war at any time; nor do they apply to rebels from British territory or others against whom there may be other charges. It is probable that my force will shortly again take the offensive.

To those who, after this warning, defer their submission till too late I can offer no promise, and they will only have themselves to blame for an injury or loss of property that they or their families may afterwards suffer.

Sgd. R. S. S. BADEN POWELL,  
Colonel.

Mafeking, 10th Dec., 1899.

## THE 7th MEETING

OF THE

## Mafeking Gymkhana Club

WAS HELD

On Sunday, December 10th,

(UNDER SIEGE CONDITIONS.)

To the Recreation Ground and under the patronage of Colonel R. S. S. Baden-Powell. The following gentlemen formed the Committee:—

Major Goold-Adams, Lieut.-Colonel Walford, Inspector Browne, Mr. Bell, Mr. F. Whiteley, Mr. G. Riesle, Mr. Gemmell; Hon. Sec. and Treas: Sub-Inspector A. D. Murray.

Although the weather on Sunday was by no means propitious, it did not prevent an excellent day's sport being well attended. Sub-Inspector Murray, on whom as Hon. Sec. fell the hulk of the work in connection with the affair, was taken ill on Saturday, but the love of sport was, we suppose, too strong to allow him to remain in the hospital, and we were glad to see him busy on the ground during the whole of the proceedings and hope the excitement will not have the effect of sending him again to hospital. Col Baden-Powell was present, also the Major part of his staff, although contradictory as it may appear the Major part could not attend, Lord E. Cecil unfortunately suffering a relapse which confined him within doors. Not a few ladies graced the scene and added interest to the contests. The programme and results were as follows:—

### 1.—100 YARDS FLAT RACE (open).

1. Purchase, C.P.
2. Carr, C.P.

### 2.—RING AND PEG (mounted).

1. Armstrong, B.S.A.P.
2. Hodgson, C.P.

### 3.—RUN AND RIDE RACE (open)

1. Abrams, C.P., and Duffy, Prot. Regt.

### 4.—220 YARDS FLAT RACE (open).

1. Crosskill, Town Guard.
2. Carr, C.P.

### 5.—LEMON CUTTING (mounted).

1. Armstrong, B.S.A.P.
2. Bunbury, B.S.A.P.

### 6.—BOYS RACE, 100 yards (open to all boys under 15).

1. Sheesby; 2. Gower.

### 7.—BULLET RACE (for Ladies).

As Boer bullets, which it was intended to use,

were found to be far too small for the purpose, the domestic "Murphy" was substituted.

1. Miss De Kock.
2. Miss Sabbot.

Miss Brown and Miss Wyatt also faced the starter, the latter would have won "bands down" had she not, unfortunately for her, overlooked one "Murphy."

### 8.—TENT PEGGING (sectional).

Price: Four Watches.

Cpl. Gash  
Pte. Hazlerigg } C.P., D. 2, won (63 points).  
" Scally  
" Hodgson

B.S.A.P. Section (Armstrong's) were second (59 points). The winning section took all four pegs "like one man" in their third run, making an exhibition well deserving the eponium of Colonel Baden-Powell: "Very good indeed. The finest tent-pegging I have ever seen."

### 9.—TUG OF WAR.

For the Cup presented by Major Goold-Adams, C.B., C.M.G., to the Mafeking Gymkhana Club, to be the property of the team winning three times in succession. This was won by the Cape Police, Dist. 2, D. Div., the team being as follows: Sergt. Stuart, Corpl. Gash, Pte. Hazlerigg, Pte. A. Brown, Pte. S. Brown, Pte. Gradie, Pte. O'Brien, Pte. Clarke.

In the first trial the B.S.A.P. gave the C.P. without doubt the hardest pull they have had in connection with Cup contests. The Bechuanaland Rifles were pulled over by the Protectorate Team, the last named meeting the victorious team in the final.

As this makes the 3rd win for the D. Div. of the Cape Police the Cup now becomes their absolute property. The C.P. stationed in Mafeking appear to be determined to carry all before them. This year they took the Rugby Football Cup for the third year in succession and they have also got "2 legs in" in the Socker Cup, both open to all teams in Bechuanaland.

Miss Hill, the courageous and charming Matron of the Victoria Hospital, presented the very handsome prizes at the conclusion of the meeting. After which three hearty cheers for Miss Hill and three more for Col. Baden-Powell ended a good day's sport.

A voice in the crowd called for three cheers for the Relief Column, this was most heartily responded to.

## Mafeking Garrison.

### GENERAL ORDERS.

MAFeking, DECEMBER 11TH, 1899.

*Correction.*—Appointment of Mr. Algie to the Staff of the P.M.O. General Order No. 6, of 21st November, add after "to date" the words "from 21st November, 1899."

*Court of Summary Jurisdiction.*—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet to-morrow, the 12th instant, at 10-15 a.m., in the Court House. President; H. H. Major Goold-Adams, C.B., C.M.G. Member, Lieutenant-Colonel C. B. Vyvyan.

*Stores.*—Attention is directed to General Order No. 5, of 6th December, 1899. O.C.'s of Units or Corps who have not already completed are requested to send in statements without further delay.

By order,

F. W. PANZERA, Major,  
Acting C.S.O.

## SHELL-FIRE.

## Notice to Inhabitants.

NO women are to live in Town without Special Permit, which will only be granted where they have efficient bomb-proof cover, certified as safe by the Town Commandant.

The ordinary houses in town afford no safety from the enemy's shell-fire, and the streets are at all times unsafe.

The unfortunate casualties that have occurred during the past few days from shell-fire have been, in most instances, due to neglect to take adequate cover on the alarm being given; people having got into the way of trusting to luck to escape injury.

The Police have instructions to send to the Women's Laager any families they may find living in town without permit.

Permits may be obtained in special cases from Colonel Vyvyan, Town Commandant.

By order,

F. W. PANZERA, Major,  
Actg. C.S.O.

Mafeking, 9 December, 1899.

## NOTICE No. 1.

THE Colonel Commanding directs that all persons having in their possession at present date any stocks, of the articles undershewn, viz.: Boer Meal, Flour, Kafir Corn, Mealie Meal, Mealies, Preserved Meats, Sugar, Coffee, Tea, Salt, Pepper, Rice or Peas, Vegetables (fresh or preserved), Lime Juice, Baking Powder, must notify possession of same, stating quantities, to Captain Ryan, D.A.A.G., as soon as possible. This declaration must be sent in *irrespective of whether the owner simply holds the stock for his personal consumption or not.* Particular attention is called to declaring fully Meal and Flour, however small the quantity.

Search warrants will be issued to ensure this Notice being complied with—non-compliance means confiscation of all stock found.

## NOTICE No. 2.

NO person residing in the laager, and obtaining rations there either through Mr. Whiteley or by private purchase, will be allowed to leave the laager for the purpose of coming to reside in the town without first obtaining the sanction of the C.S.O. (through Mr. Whiteley). Such persons as may have already left the laager or who at the beginning of the siege did not proceed to the laager, are required to at once register their present address, stating whether they provide their own rations (if so, from what source), or are in receipt of a free issue at the hands of the Imperial authorities. Number in family requiring rations to be stated, giving ages of children. Care should be taken in giving the number, as it may be deemed necessary at some future time to put the entire population on rations.

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### NOTICE.

As our stock of paper is running very low we shall be compelled to make various alterations to economise the use of that still on hand. After this number, therefore, we shall use smaller type, reduce the size of the page, and publish on alternate days only; instead of daily. Even with these innovations we shall not be able to bring out a grand

### CHRISTMAS DOUBLE NUMBER,

but have to restrict each issue to the exact number of copies ordered.

To show that we are actuated by no motive but those purely philanthropic ones which dominate the breast of all human beings, under which head we include—but of course merely for the purpose of these remarks—editors, we do not propose to make any increase in the charge for the slips. In spite of the large reductions we make in quantity and would be willing to make in quality, if possible, the price will still remain 1s. per week, payable in advance.

The *Mafeking Mail*.

WEDNESDAY, 13th DECEMBER, 1899.

### Mafeking Garrison.

#### GENERAL ORDERS.

MAFEKING, DECEMBER 12th, 1899.

*Court of Summary Jurisdiction.*—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet to-morrow, Wednesday, the 13th instant, at the Court House, at 10-15 a.m., for the examination of such prisoners as may be brought before it. President: H. H. Major Goold-Adams, B.C., C.M.G. Member: C. G. H. Bell, Esq., C.C. & R.M.

*Grain.*—Storekeepers and others are forbidden to sell Mealies for feeding horses, as it is necessary to preserve the grain until future requirements are ascertained.

By order,

F. W. PANZERA, Major,  
Acting C.S.O.

### THE BOERS' REPRESENTATIVES.

The offer made by Colonel Baden-Powell in his letter to the Burghers, distinctly excepting the officers, has brought forth a reply from the principal officer, General Snyman. He denies the allegation that the Burghers have been, or are being, misled by either the commanders or their newspapers. The denial from such a source has no value whatever. Had we not learned by other means the manner in which the Boer has been deceived and misled with reference both to his tenure of the Transvaal and the relative positions of the two Governments and more cruelly in connection with this present war, we should still decline accepting at its face value any statement from a Boer leader purporting to be representative of Boer feeling. It is an unfortunate trait in the Boers' nature that from diffidence or moral cowardice he falls into silence before an elder, an office holder, or the blatant, often allowing gabble to pass as an expression of his opinion from sheer slowness of wit and comprehension. In 1881 Sir Geo. Colley, writing to Lord Kimberley, said: "I would most earnestly urge on your lordship that whatever may be decided regarding the Transvaal you should not commit yourself to any scheme until you have had the opportunity of hearing the wishes and views of the people through other spokesmen than Joubert, Kruger and his party; for no moderate man, and no loyal man, will dare speak so long as they are the accepted representatives of the Transvaal people." And we certainly include Snyman in the Kruger party. Some two years earlier Joubert himself said to Sir Garnet Wolseley, he, Sir G.W., "must not be misled by anything those Boers he had seen, had said or the expression of acquiescence, as they would speak in just the reverse terms as soon as they had left his presence," a statement calculated to throw some light on the character of the man and the people he represented, whether the statement itself were true or not. Furthermore we may read between the lines, and, remembering some of the traits peculiar to the Boer nature, judge from the fact of a letter being sent and its tone, how shaky General Snyman feels. As Joubert, when alone, was courteous, nay, even servile, to Sir Garnet Wolseley, and, when he had 3,000 Boers behind him, offensively insolent to Sir Bartle Frere, so General Snyman would have been offensively demonstrative yesterday and to-day had he been well



backed up by the Boers. From the anger shown in his letter and the silence of his gnus we may infer that the circular is working its proper effect on the more prudent of the Burghers.

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## THE MANIFESTO TO THE BOERS.

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General Snyman is cross, very cross. Under the circumstances it is excusable. Even a saint would be cross, and we do not accuse General Snyman of being a saint. We tender our sympathy to General Snyman in his trying position. It must be a difficult one. In charge of a body of dissatisfied Boers who were deluded into taking up arms in a step which doomed their very name as a country, to obliteration, having to keep them in arms for months although they were told it would be for a few days only, and were assured they would return "richer men, free and independent, with more land added to the Republic, and honour to your name, long before it will be needful to begin your farm work." Having to sit down outside the town it was arranged should be taken for the base of operations, is trying to one's temper. Provided with plenty of men, plenty of guns and ammunition, with communication open and every facility, to be unable to take the place or even to make an attempt, is vexatious. Waiting for the impossible to happen, praying for a miracle, helplessly sitting gazing at the place you want but cannot possess, makes one angry, but far worse than all, to be taunted with your incompetence by the enemy, to have it flung at you and advertised amongst all the "ooms" and "neefs," the Piets and Jans who were promised such lavish reward "when Mafeking is taken" and the "jongjes" brought out to be shown the triumph over the "Rooinek." For them to learn that the vaunt and brag was but wind, and the tales they have been taught to believe of the British nation, nothing but lies bred by ignorance and fostered by stupidity. It really is enough to make General Snyman cross, and we commiserate him.

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## THE "GENERAL" REPLIES.

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General Snyman has written with regard to Colonel Baden-Powell's circular addressed to the Burghers. He is very incensed at its having been sent direct to them, and is apparently much annoyed at the remark that "sitting down and looking at a place is not the way to take it." He challenges us to come out and drive him away. He also explains that, far from the Burghers being kept in the dark by their commanders and the newspapers, the opposite is the case.

The hot and angry tone of the letter shows that sending in the circulars has touched a soft place and that it is a matter of some importance to him.

## LATEST NEWS.

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By the courtesy of the Colonel Commanding we are enabled to print the following:—

News received to-day (through the kindness of a Boer officer) shows that Lord Methuen's force, advancing from the south to the relief of Kimberley, defeated the Free State Boers at Graspan, near Belmont. After this, advancing north, Lord Methuen found himself opposed, on 29th November, by the Free State Boers and the 3,000 under Cronje, who had gone away from here to join them. The enemy had taken up a strong position on the north bank of the Modder River. The river is about 100 yards wide, fordable at certain points, and lies between steep, bush-grown banks. The battle was a very tough one and continued for thirteen hours.

After some hard fighting our left drove back the enemy's right and crossed the river. The enemy then vacated their position, leaving their dead on the field, and retreated to Jacobsdal, on the road to Bloemfontein. It was the Free State Boers who gave way. The Transvaal Boers, under Cronje, held their position on the enemy's left until compelled to retire by the retreat of the rest. This will not have increased the good fellowship between the allies.

Our losses in officers and men have been very heavy owing to the open nature of the country. Names had not then (7th December) been published.

Modder River is 25 miles south of Kimberley, which was thus relieved.

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### The Mafeking Mail.

FRIDAY, 15th DECEMBER, 1899

#### LOCAL DEFENCES.

THE Base Commandant requests that all claims not already submitted against the "Local Defences Account" may be furnished forthwith to the Chief Paymaster for adjustment.

Where claims have been already submitted any additional accounts should be sent in to the Chief Paymaster weekly, being made up to and for Saturday in each week.

All accounts should be supported by the Original Orders for goods supplied, as Vouchers.

Delay in furnishing these claims may cause much trouble and confusion hereafter, and it is therefore important that they may be sent in at once as requested.

C. B. VYVYAN, Lieut.-Col.,  
Base Commandant

14th December, 1899.

### Mafeking Garrison.

#### GENERAL ORDERS.

MAFEKING, 14th DECEMBER, 1899

**Special State.**—Officers Commanding Corps or Units are requested to send into this office, by 10 a.m. on Saturday next, the 16th instant, a complete State for the Corps under their command, showing men, horses, transport, etc.

**Transport.**—Transport wagons on no account to be allowed to go about when enemy's shell fire is going on. Drivers are to be instructed to keep them under cover on pain of being tried for neglect of order should they neglect to carry out these instructions.

By order,  
F. W. PANZERA, Major,  
Acting C.S.O.

MAFEKING, 14th DECEMBER, 1899

**Appointment, Court of Summary Jurisdiction.**—Lieutenant Colonel C. O. Hore, Commanding Proterostate Regiment, is appointed a Member of the Court of Summary Jurisdiction under Proclamation of 12th October and 17th November, 1899.

**Magazines.**—L.M. Rifle.—Officers commanding Corps or Units are to give strict orders that magazine are on no account to remain charged except in positions where an unexpected attack is possible, or on out posts or other duties which may render it necessary. Under no circumstances whatever should the cleaning of a rifle be permitted while the magazine has cartridges in it, as accidents are likely to be caused by this proceeding.

**Court of Summary Jurisdiction.**—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet to-morrow, Friday, the 15th instant, at the Court House, at 10.15 a.m., for the examination of such prisoners as may be brought before it. President: Lieut.-Col Vyvyan, Member: C. G. H. Bell, Esq., C.C. and R.M.

**Returns of Men in Hospital.**—In future when sick or wounded men are admitted to the Hospital, O.C.'s of Corps and Units will strike men out of rations so far as their own Corp or Units are concerned. Rations will be drawn for Hospital inmates by the P.M.O., who will keep a register showing clearly to what Corps or Unit each patient belongs for whom rations are drawn. This order also applies to men of the Town Guard in the trenches going sick.

**Out.**—A certain quantity of condemned Outlets are offered for sale, and can be viewed at Isaac's store; purchasers will be required to remove them. Persons applying to purchase being received within two days from date, Outlets will be destroyed.

By order,  
F. W. PANZERA, Major,  
Acting C.S.O.

#### DINGAAN'S DAY.

To-morrow, Saturday, the 16th of December, will be "Dingaan's Day," the anniversary of the day on which the Boers arrived by the English residence in Natal, made with 100 men, a successful stand against about 10,000 Kaffirs under Dingaan, brother to Chaka, the chief who ruled the Zulus, into a formidable organization. This historic fight took place in 1838. Previous to this, during 1837 and 1838, the Boers, who never were able to settle into a law-abiding people, had been migrating from the Cape Colony in consequence of the decision of the British House of Commons to renege the Kaffir chief's contract of the country from the River to the Great Kei River. There was also another great cause for grievance in a Boer'sumatop. The revenue of the Colony was inadequate to meet the cost of civil and military establishment, and it would soon become necessary for the Boers to contribute in the form of taxes. Nothing could give the old Boers greater offence than to ask them for money. The present war can be directly traced, through a long train of circumstances extending over a score of years, to the seizure of a Boer's wagon and team by the Government, on account of the non-payment of his tax. In the year immediately preceding the exodus leading to the Dingaan massacre, the Boers were also sore upon another matter affecting their pocket. This was the paying out prior offered by the British Government for slaves at the time of the emancipation. The Boers had sent in an official estimate of the value of their slaves, averaging about £85 15s per head, upon which an amount of £3,000,000 out of the £20,000,000 voted by the Home Parliament for the purpose of redemption, was allocated for the Cape. But when upon further examination the actual value of slaves was found to average only £36 per head, and the amount for compensation was reduced accordingly to £1,500,000, the Kaffirs Boers objected so not being allowed to make a profit of £49 per head on his wretched slave. He objected to being prevented from making an advance on a market deal on that glorious act of humanity we British may well feel proud of, and then combined circumstances caused him to trek. Some of the first attack parties were composed of Matabeles and other tribes, but those who followed were more cautious and formed hangers-on, and with their fire-arms kept the Natives at bay and eventually routed them. In 1857 they were joined by Mr. Pinter Rietje, from the Pond who organized a some form of Government amongst them.



They then pressed on towards Natal. On arrival, Retief and some others proceeded to the head-quarter of Dingaan, who, having first combined with his brother Umhlangana, to get Chaka murdered, had himself got rid of Umhlangana and was the acknowledged king of the Zulus. From him, in consideration of the recovery of some cattle which had been carried off from Dingaan by a chief living on the Drakensberg, they obtained formal cession of the whole territory of Natal. The next morning as Retief and his party were preparing to leave, they were all treacherously seized and most savagely put to death. Directly after the massacre Dingaan sent out a force to surprise the emigrants, who, unconscious of danger, were scattered about the base of the Drakensberg. They came upon them before daybreak and butchered and mutilated about five hundred souls—men, women and children. The survivors got the English residents at the port of Natal to espouse their cause and together they attacked Dingaan, but unsuccessfully. Upon the arrival of another party of emigrants, amongst whom was Mr. Andries Pretorius, from Graaff-Reinet, they elected him leader, and at the end of the year 1838, crossed the Tugela. On Sunday, the 16th December, they finally routed the Zulus; some mounted men, about two hundred, sallying out from the laager and charging them on both flanks. Subsequently they engaged Panda, a younger brother of Dingaan, as an ally and succeeded in driving the Zulu king away, a fugitive. He was eventually killed. They still observe Dingaan's Day—partly as a religious festival, partly as a day of rejoicing. What they will regard it as to-morrow remains to be seen.

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### POLO TOURNAMENT.

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A POLO TOURNAMENT will be held on Sunday next, on the Polo Ground, commencing at 2.30 p.m. The teams are as follows:—

- No. I.—Colonel Baden-Powell (Capt.),  
Captain Gordon Wilson,  
Captain Singleton,  
Lieut. Hon. A. Hanbury-Tracey.
- No. II.—Captain Lord C. Cavendish Bentinck  
(Captain),  
Lieutenant-Colonel Walford,  
Major Anderson,  
Lieutenant Mackenzie.
- No. III.—Lieutenant-Colonel Hore (Capt.),  
Captain Sandford,  
Captain Vernon,  
Lieutenant Bridges.
- No. IV.—Major Godley (Captain),  
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- No. V. Major Baillie (Captain),  
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### WESLEYAN CHURCH.

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Sunday, December 17th, 1899

Service at 7.30 p.m.

The Rev. J. Martindale Peart will preach.

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### St. John's Church Mafeking.

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3RD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Rev. W. H. Weekes will hold the following services:—

Holy Communion	7.30 a.m.
Matins ... ..	10.30 a.m.
Evening song ... ..	7.30 a.m.



at one o'clock p.m., in the Market Square, near Dixon's Hotel, a certain HORSE, the property of Mr. L. A. Muller.

C. WENHAM,  
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## LOCAL DEFENCES.

THE Base Commandant requests that all claims not already submitted against the "Local Defence Account" may be furnished forthwith to the Chief Paymaster for adjustment.

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All accounts should be supported by the Original Orders for goods supplied, as Vouchers.

Delay in furnishing these claims may cause much trouble and confusion hereafter, and it is therefore important that they may be sent in at once as requested.

C. B. VVYAN, Lieut.-Col.,  
Base Commandant.

14th December, 1899.

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yesterday was a grand success in spite of the heat. Each team, list of names we published in our last issue, played all the others in turn; the following are the goals scored:—

Match	Goals Scored.
1 Colonel Here	1
Lord C. Bentinck	1
2 Col. Baden-Powell	0
Major Godley	1
3 Lord C. Bentinck	1
Major Baillie	1
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Col. Baden-Powell's team had a Captain who played an excellent game. Major Baillie was decidedly the mainstay of his team, not only by the unerring accuracy with which he hit the ball, but also on account of the verbal assistance delivered unceasingly in stentorian tones to his side.

## SPECIAL NOTICE.

G. LIPPMANN.

Market Square.

Wishes it known that he has still on hand a large stock of,

**Kharki Jackets.**

All sizes and shapes,

At very low prices.

A big assortment of,

**Soft Shirts,**

**Flannel Trousers, Boots, etc.**

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**N.B. Plenty of Transvaal Tobaccos and General Groceries.**



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War was due to the unfortunate Convention, which permitted a hot community unlimited right to accumulate war munitions against them.

He ridiculed the suggestion of foreign intervention. They would not interfere.

When the conflict was ended the Government would be guided by Colonial traditions, and the confederacy of equity and justice would restore a good government and security so long needed in the interests of peace and civilization.

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London, November 11th (Huter).—Sir Charles Warran is to command a new division, of which Colonel Wodgate, of London fame, and Colonel Croke are Brigadiers.

SIR REDVERS BULLER.

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source that arrangements are being made to despatch a further infantry division, 11,000 strong, immediately the first transport returns.

Colonial Traitors

Give a Flag to the Boers.

Bloemfontein, Nov. 22 (Special).—Commandant du Plooy, of Bethulle, has been presented by the ladies of Burghersdorp with a beautiful flag, on which is neatly embroidered: "In the name of God."

Are glad when we lose.

Lourenço Marques, November 7th.—The news of the surrender of Lieutenant-Colonel Carlsten's force at Moddersdorp was received at Capetown with consternation.

Some Cape papers, however, add that the information was hailed with satisfaction in certain quarters.

Hold aloof from

Welcoming Buller.

When General Buller landed at Capetown, amidst a scene of unparalleled enthusiasm, he was received by the representatives of the Governor but no member of the Ministry was present and the Government Buildings were not decorated.

Coal Famine at Cape.

South-Easters in Evidence.

Lourenço Marques, 31st (Special).—Owing to the quantity of coal required for transport there is a coal famine at Capetown.

South-easters interfere with the docking of transport.

The Various Funds.

London, 9th ("Mercury") Special.—The Refugee Fund amounts to £161,000; the War Fund to £160,000, and the "Telegraph" Fund to 555,371 shillings.

Siege Train Ordered.

London, 9th ("Mercury" Special).—Official orders were issued yesterday for the immediate mobilization of a siege train to shell Pretoria.

The Power of the Boers.

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[That is because he did not read the "Mafeking Mail" attentively.]

Delays in Transport.

London, 9th ("Cape Times" Special).—Tempestuous weather delays transport, and the Admiralty warned the public that the newspapers' estimates of the dates of arrival were too sanguine.

Another Infantry Division.

London, 8th ("Mercury" Special).—The "Daily News" learns from an official

B.P.'s Pyrotechnics mystified them.

Riotfontein, Nov. 7th, 6.30 a.m. ("Volke-stem" Special).—This morning at half-past four the light began, and is still raging with great severity. We have never seen such a fight here before. The English appear to have ventured upon an attack upon our horses, and to have fired upon them. Many of the Boers are coming into camp. As soon as the light began all the mounted men who were still in the camp were called out to reinforce the burghers.

Fortunately 25 extra men were sent with each Field-cornet to the fort. From sunrise until now the cannon have not ceased firing.

On Sunday night bright lights were seen in the town to the right and left. We also saw a bonfire. Opinions are divided over these lights and their significance.

Lourenço Marques, November 7th.—"Ons Land" of November 2nd says that the Special Bond Congress announced for November 7th has been abandoned. The circular announcing this says "All that is possible has been done for peace without result. Now we wait a suitable opportunity to hold out the olive branch."

The name of Mr. Gustavs Halle, of the "Transvaal Critic," has, after investigation, not been found upon the burglar rolls of the Sister Republic. He has been escorted over the border.—Mr. Leopold Heas (a German subject) and Mr. Alcock (an American subject), who make up the "Transvaal Critic" staff, have also been invited to take their passports.

### LOCAL DEFENCES

THE Base Commandant requests that all claims not already submitted against the "Local Defences Account" may be furnished forthwith to the Chief Paymaster for adjustment.

Where claims have been already submitted any additional accounts should be sent in to the Chief Paymaster weekly, being made up to and for Saturday in each week.

All accounts should be supported by the Original Orders for goods supplied, as Vouchers.

Delay in furnishing these claims may cause much trouble and confusion hereafter and it is therefore important that they may be sent in at once as requested.

C. B. VYVYAN, Lieut.-Col.,  
Base Commandant.

14th December, 1899.

### NOTICE.

A Christmas Tree and Tea for the Children of Mafeking.

Under the patronage of Colonel Baden-Powell and Officers of Garrison.

The following Ladies and Gentlemen have also kindly offered to assist:—Lady Sarah Wilson, Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. More, Mrs. Rieles, Mrs. Winter, Mrs. Bradley, Ladies of the Hospital and Con-

vent; His Worship the Mayor, Rev. H. W. Weekes, Mr. B. Weil, Rev. Father Ogle, Rev. M. Peart.

The above will take place at the Masonic Hall on Sunday, December 24th, from 4 p.m. till 6 p.m. Lady Sarah Wilson has kindly offered to present each child with a toy, and Mr. Weil, with his usual generosity, will provide the tea.

All children between the ages of THREE and THIRTEEN are invited, and parents desirous of sending their children are requested to forward immediately their names, stating age and sex. In the case of the Women's Laager, to the Rev. W. H. Weekes. Railway Division to Captain Mere, and Refugee Laager to Major Godley. This invitation is extended to children of Dutch as well as English parentage, and all will be equally welcome.

Owing to the limited space in the Masonic Hall, it is regretted that the children's parents cannot be included in the invitation; but the children will be well looked after by the committee.

Arrangements will be made for fetching the children and conveying them home again.

Captain Cowan and officers of the Bechuanaland Rifles have kindly consented to their band playing.

### JUST TO HAND.

DIARIES for 1900.

A large Assortment.

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### CHRISTMAS 1899

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Establishment at Graia Store.—It is published for general information that a Tewa Graia Store will open between the hours of 5 a.m. and 7 a.m. (Sundays excepted) from the 21st December. The store is situated in Mr. Lippmann's yard, opposite Riese's Hotel. Only small quantities from 2 to 4 lbs. can be purchased by individuals at any one time.

By order,

F. W. PANZERA Major,  
Acting C.S.O.

MAFEKING, 21st DECEMBER, 1899.

Control of Railway.—With reference to General Order No. 5, of 20th December, 1899, the word "available" was inadvertently omitted in line 3, which should read: "being the senior C.S.O. Cape Government Railway Official present."

Christmas Day.—It is notified for general information that Christmas will be celebrated on Sunday next, the 24th inst., instead of on Monday, the exigencies of the service and the state of Siege preventing the observance of Monday as a holiday. Sports will be held, notice with regard to which will appear in due course.

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Appointments.—The following persons were appointed in the various capacities and on the dates and at the rates mentioned against their respective names and were taken on the strength record only.—1. William Kirby, Tally Clerk, Commissariat Store, engaged Cape Town, 19th September, discharged Mafeking, 17th December, 7s. 6d. per diem. 2. Percival Holdford Thomas, Typist, 4th December, 10s. 6d. per diem. 3. Walter John Engleand Mahony, Tally Clerk, Commissariat Store, 18th December, 1899, 7s. 6d. per diem.

Sunday Public Market.—The Public Market will be reopened for sales of vegetables, etc., on Sunday morning at 6 a.m. The necessary arrangements will be made by His Worship the Mayor.

Sentence of Death.—It is published for general information that Teleglo, a Kalabar Baraloo, was this day convicted for house-breaking and theft, and sentenced by the Court of Summary Jurisdiction to suffer death.

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### THE COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON TO YOU, PAUL.

"A Merry Christmas to you" is a phrase and nothing more, with 100 deg. in the shade. It certainly is not so suggestive of comfort and enjoyment as when the mercury has dropped into the thermometer's boots and one hears it, the phrase, not the mercury, hoarsely issued from behind red woollen wraps over which blue noses poke, while faces mottled so deeply by the cold, make one mistake his neighbours, respected "somethings in the city" for bus

drivers. Apart from thermotics there is no reason why the season should not be an exceedingly happy one in Mafeking. Oom Paul's folly even after seventy days, need not detract a whit from the festivity pertaining to the period. We still have plenty of the wherewithal to provide regal banquets. Meat, poultry, and other food-stuffs, even salads are plentiful, and that mysterious conglomeration, the Christmas pudding is being boiled by the hundredweight, while there is enough "medical comfort" to make everybody in the garrison "drunk as a boiled owl" if he obtain a "doctor's certificate" for its issue. To utter contempt for Boers and their guns we may give ourselves over to jollification or pious contemplation, whichever best suits our temperament, and wish each other most heartily the Compliments of the Season. At such a time of year we may even include friend Snymen over the way, and his master, at Pretoria in our general good wishes. As expressed by the unknown author of "Rejected Addresses" we can say:—

"God bless the Queen, God bless the  
Faith's Defender."

God bless, no harm at Christmastide,  
that old pretender.

### WE HAVE A "GREITJE" NOW.

It will, we are sure, give great pleasure to the beleaguered ones to know that another game, bigger than any of those we have been using, was brought into the town this week. How it was managed and what means were taken to run the gauntlet of Boer sentries, ciquequets, outposts, cossack posts, and all the other military equivalents to the nocturnal game of solitaire played for two hours at a stretch in a, more or less, upright position with a cold shiver down the small of one's back and a hot tremble on the back of one's tongue, eased partly by the last whisky and partly by too desire for another, we are not at liberty to tell. Naturally the slow ones will know how to put two and two together, and remembering the mysterious "parachute lights" which appeared in the West several evenings last week, will be able to connect it in some manner with the enormous field piece just arrived. Beyond this hint we dare not publish another word. If we did and General Snymen or any other of the enemy's officers, able to read, unfolds his "Siege Slip" at breakfast time to-morrow morning and finds out how it was done and how he was done, he would probably hese cross again that some of the Natives who make his coffee would get an awful sjam-hoking, those small enough. Besides this it is likely that extra double-barrelled dop proof guards would be put on, and we might have some difficulty in bringing another regiment of Laocers through without any of the Boers seeing the spear. Of course there is the possibility that this new piece of ordnance has been cast here in an underground bomb-proof (more extraordinary things than that have happened in bomb-proofs before now). The initials on the gun support such a theory, "B.P. & Co." it is marked. Everyone in Mafeking knows who B.P. is, and what wonderful resource he possesses. Who knows but what he has started a gun-casting arrangement to help him in his shell-casting arrangements? We never know; and from late experience we are inclined to think we are never likely to know what goes on around us, but the gun is here and we hope to hear it.

### TICKLING THE MONKEYS.

On Tuesday last our artillery, under the direction of Major Panzera, commenced operations early in the morning by challenging the enemy's siege battery with our

smaller ordnance. This was applied to and an artillery duel following made an effective demonstration of science versus brute force. The general idea was to discover, by opening our fire and drawing theirs, whether the enemy's guns still occupied their original positions and also to demoralize the enemy in the trenches, by the concentration of our artillery. In these objects we were entirely successful, for after a protracted duel, the enemy diverted their fire in the direction of Cannon Kopje. The operation of our Western artillery was likewise completely successful as the enemy, entrenched at Game Tree Hill, were obliged to retire, owing to the accurate fire from our guns.

### LOST

On the 20th inst., on the Recreation Ground, between Victoria Hospital and the Masonic Hall, a Gun-metal Ladies Watch, Brooch attached. Reward offered.—Apply R. GIRDWOOD, Esq.

### LOST

A SWORD SCABBARD (leather) between this office and Fort Muller. The finder, on kindly returning it to the "Mail Office" will have expenses defrayed.

### St. John's Church, Mafeking.

DECEMBER 24th, 1899.

4th SUNDAY IN ADVENT.

REV. W. H. WEEKES will hold the following services:—

Holy Communion ... 7.30 a.m.  
Matins ... 10.30 a.m.

### CHRISTMAS EVE.

Festal Eveasong ... 7.30 p.m.

Christmas Carols will be sung at the conclusion of the service.

CHRISTMAS DAY, 25th December, 1899.

Notice of the services to be held on the above day will be given out on Sunday next.

### Roman Catholic Church.

#### Christmas Services.

THE Revd. Father Ogle wishes to announce that Holy Mass will be celebrated 7 o'clock on Sunday morning, December 24th, 1899, in the Convent Chapel, and the

#### MIDNIGHT MASS

at 12 p.m., also at the Convent.

### CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

GOING away by train at holiday time being likely to "boer" us, no

### SPECIAL TRAINS

will be run to

Lobatsi, Francistown, and other places of interest during Christmas week.

Dutch inhabitants of Trenches, Earthworks and other suburban localities wishing to visit Mafeking need not take

### RETURN TICKETS

but will be invited to remain here boarded and lodged

### FREE

upon production of a Mauser.

### MAFEKING H.

For General Informa

NOTICE is hereby given that I wish to partake of the Dinner at the above Hotel (100 Sunday, 24th), are requested, in facilitate accommodation and rushes, to obtain tickets for dinner Bar, not later than 7 p.m. on Sunday. No admittance to the Dining Room out tickets.

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## LATEST NEWS.

By the courtesy of the Colonel Commanding we are enabled to print the following —

The following news received to-day is published for information, but is not very recent, being only up to 9th December.

H E. the High Commissioner telegraphed to Col. Nicholson at Bulawayo. —

Up North we have been getting on very well. Colonel Plummer reports the enemy have retired back from Rhodes' Drift towards Pietersburg. He followed their spoor as far as Brack River but could, for the time, get no further owing to want of water. The Crocodile River is now up, so there is no fear of the Boers invading the border, but Colonel Plummer is making rafts to transport his wagons across the river in order to follow up the enemy into their own country.

Colonel Holdsworth has moved forward his headquarters from Magalapye to Mochudi.

Captain Llewellyn, with armoured trains, is at Gaberones, which has been entirely abandoned by Boers. They have now retired on Crocodile Pools from Gaberones and Ramoutsa. A Native arrived to-day says there was fighting at Crocodile Pools on Tuesday last, so probably our forces are pressing on to them there.

Natives on the border have received notice from the truthful Paul Kruger to say that in all the battles in Natal, Kimberley, and at Bloemfontein the Boers have defeated the British. From this it looks as though Lord Methuen had followed them to Bloemfontein after his victory at Modder River and relief of Kimberley.

General Gatacre is meantime coming up through the Eastern Province and acting in support of Lord Methuen.

Sir Redvers Buller is with 25,000 men at Maritzburg in support of Sir G. White with 10,000 at Ladysmith. At this place we had two successful engagements with the Boers on 9th and 14th November.

Mafeking was relieved at the end of last month by a column of 3,000 men; we lost 223, the enemy losing 1,000. [This news was a little premature.]

## SOME CHEERING MESSAGES.

From the High Commissioner.

40,000 Additional Troops.

Half here; Half on Way.

Through the courtesy of Colonel Baden Powell we are enabled to print the following inspiring telegrams:—

From High Commissioner, Cape Town, to Commandant-General, Bulawayo.

November 15th.—Best greeting to you all. We are having a hard fight all round, but have no doubt of the ultimate issue. You have done splendid work in Rhodesia. Greatest credit due to you all and the engineers for turning out those armoured trains so promptly and sending help so smartly to distressed places in the Protectorate. We are all very proud of Mafeking and Rhodesia. I hope Baden Powell has succeeded in holding his own and that the Natives continue quiet.

November 20th.—Thanks for your telegrams of 10th and 12th, giving news of Mafeking up to the 6th. They have made a splendid defence, and I hope that now they will hold out till the pressure on the enemy in other quarters compels the abandonment of the siege. About 20,000 have arrived from England this week, half going to Natal and half to Orange River for the relief of Kimberley. General Clery commands in Natal, Lord Methuen at Orange River. General Buller is still here. Another 20,000 men were on the way from England. There has been no action of importance since my last telegram. In skirmishes at Kimberley on the 11th and 15th the garrison held their own and inflicted loss on the attackers. I have just arranged for a tug to serve regularly between Lourenço Marques and Beira. She will start from here immediately and bring the latest papers. I am sending another telegram to the Resident Commissioner at Salisbury and asking him to repeat it to you.

**P.O.P.** For sale, 2 packets ½ plate, one matt, one glossy. Highest offer.—X, Mail office.

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#### KURUMAN

Orange River, November 23rd (Reuter).—An arrival from Barkly reports that the Captain of Police defeated the Boers at Kuruman.

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### The Mafeking Mail.

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For Gent.'s and Youths' Clothing, Boots and Shoes, &c., &c.

#### JUST TO HAND:

Men's Sailor Hats, Overalls, Pinafores, &c., &c.

Men's Sun Bonnets and Hats, Sunshades, Aprons, New Prints, Swimmer Dress Materials, Trimmed Millinery, Laces, Ribbons, Belts, in fact

The Showroom is replete with NEW GOODS.

Also in Piece for Boys' Clothing:

Galatens, Cottonnade, Cord, Moleskin, and a Special Line in Navy Worsted Diagonal.

#### GENT.'S SUITING.

When not on the premises, I shall be glad to attend to orders left at my house in the Molopole Road, near the Mill, promptly.

**James Dall.**

## JUST TO HAND. CHRISTMAS 1899

DIARIES for 1900.

Large Assortment.

ALDRED & ROSS.

Market Square.

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Wishes it known that he has still on hand a large stock of

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#### LOST,

ON the 20th inst. at the Recreation Ground, between Victoria Hospital and the Masonic Hall, a Gun-metal Ladies' Watch, Brooch attached. Reward offered. Apply R. GIRDWOOD, Esq.

DIXON & CO. Beg to announce to the Beleaguered Inhabitants of Mafeking, that they have still a good General Assortment of Drapery Provisions etc.

#### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

LARGE SELECTION OF DOLLS.

Von Erkoins Prize Medal Transvaal Tobacco.

Christmas price 2s. per lb.

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10—Three Legged Race

1 Barry and Gibbs, 1st, 10s

11—Tert Pegging

1 Captain Singleton

12—Bolster Fight

1 Kennedy, 5s.

The Christmas celebrations by the various units of the garrison would make interesting reading if power and paper admitted of an account being printed but we can only give short references to them. To begin with the Protectorate Regiment the men of Squadron A, presided over by Captain Lord C. Cavendish-Bentinck, supported by Lieut. Greenfield and Morson, and Regimental Sgt-Major St Clair Walley, number altogether over 100, sat down to sucking pig, roast beef, roast mutton, boiled ham, Christmas pudding and tart washed down by "the Boer that made Milwunk famous," hook, whiskey and ginger beer. The naval toasts were well received but none so enthusiastic as "Sweet Tart and Wines," which to Corporal Hall was due the successful

(Subject continued in next Slip)

## LATEST FROM

### JOHANNESBURG.

#### An Interesting Letter.

#### From a Deserted City.

#### What Mafeking has done.

I well know, townsmen has received an interesting letter from a friend in Johannesburg, dated the 19th of November, and it is a voice for us to hear, and a picture of what we can only see. After a short history of the town he writes, "I wish you could see the place as it is now and compare it with the way it was last, what a change, only 2,000 people all told. Halfway to the end of the day. You can see the Boers and their wives with gangs of Kaffers taking land, me suits of furniture, per glances, brass beds, and, &c., &c. It is a desecrated haunt, how bare and robbery-like place in broad daylight without too light effort made to rob. The police say it is no good running then to the Landdroids will not be able to get the wares should be in the looking after the goods and chat that they have, they are full of prey, if you want anything they (the Kaffers) will take it, if you pay the officer a bribe and after the money they will. One firm had £1,000 commandeered, it was no good kicking, they should have been arrested on a charge of robbery. The Hospital, the police and courts are full of soldiers and men, as are also all the other public buildings. There is no doubt the Boers are giving them a hard time, they have accounted for a lot of O.M.s killed and wounded. There is a lot of boys and there and a good luck to them. There is the only soldier from the F.M.L. who is alive, he was just saved from being killed. I never heard of it. We thought we would have been able to do it. I am sending this to the N. & L. for Dec. 20a

## WITH REFERENCE TO THAT SURRENDER.

The Rev Mr. Maitland says: "After the capture of the town, the Boers remained at the support of the guns and got the support of the enemy, but would have held out when they were surrounded, without any other of his own accord, boasted of his true and dignified surrender."









put on rations by their own daily. The following quantities should amply suffice under present circumstances—

1 lb. to 1½ lbs. of Mealie Meal or Grain, proportionate deduction being made when Native women or children have to be fed, such as ½ to ¾ lb. per diem.

C. M. RYAN, Capt.,

D.A.A.G.

Mafeking, 29th Dec., 1899.

## St. John's Church, Mafeking.

Sunday after Christmas.

**THE REV. W. H. WEEKES** will hold the following services—

Holy Communion ... 7.30 a.m.

Mitene ... 10.30 a.m.

Evening ... 7.30 p.m.

**£10 REWARD.**

### NOTICE.

**MESSERS. RIMINGTON & VINCE** will pay the above reward to any one giving information that will lead to the conviction of any person or persons who did break into Fincham's store and steal Meal and Kaffir Corn on the night of December 28th. Apply R.V. for details.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

TO

Subscribers who haven't

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### The Mafeking Mail

MONDAY, 1st JANUARY 1900.

#### WISE PRECAUTIONS.

Further down a notice appears asking that quantities of oatmeal, rice, &c., should be reported. A Scotch friend was naturally very anxious to know whether there was any chance of his "parritch" being cut short, so we set out on a voyage of discovery, with the result that we were able to assure him he need not fear as there is plenty of oatmeal, rice and other fattening stuffs, and the enquiry is only made with the view to find out whether we can hold out till next Christmas, as no doubt we can.

#### MAFEKING PUBLIC LIBRARY.

We are informed by the Chairman of the Library Committee that a sum of Thirty Pounds One Shilling has been collected from members of the Garrison, in aid of the funds of the Public Library. As the financial condition was such as to cause the Committee a deal of anxiety this welcome addition will be of material assistance.

#### NOTICE.

All persons having in possession Oatmeal, Rice, Barley, Wheat in small or large quantities are required to declare stock giving amount in hand on 2nd January 1900.

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#### "COMING EVENTS CAST THEIR SHADOWS BEFORE THEM."

(CONTINUED.)

Six months of the 20th Century had barely elapsed when a traveller strolling through the quiet street of Zeerust heard, through the open windows of the school house, the little baby Boers learning their alphabet in English in the following rhymes entitled the "Mafeking V B C."

A Stands for Africa, but not for the Dutch,  
Uncle Jack, equal rights and prosperity,  
such

As never was known in "Uncle Paul's,"  
day  
Were talked of before—but have now  
come to stay.

B A Baden-Powell, when history tells  
The tale of this siege, bombardment and  
shells,  
One voice will exclaim, one echo will  
ring.  
"With loyal assistance, he saved Mafeking."

C Cape Police and the B.S.A.P.,  
'Tis better their friends than opponents  
to be.

D For dug-outs or bombproofs or holes,  
When shells scream above, we harrow  
like moles.

E Is "Paul's" Edict; the scheme was  
well laid,  
But conquests on paper are easily made.

F Is the famous gun, "Grietje" by name,  
She's "boerish" in manners and mean  
at the game;  
Where women are quartered, she'd just  
as lief kill,  
And booms her GOOD NIGHT o'er a  
town sleeping still.

G Is Gould-Adams, C.M.G. and C.B.  
In war or at peace, none more chummy  
than he.

H Colonel Hore and his officers hold,  
Where all are well known, no names  
need be told.

I "In Memoriam," we sorrow for those  
Brave fellows, good friends, deep be  
their repose.

J Is the Juggernaut car of Black Fate,  
Let rebels beware lest they fall 'neath  
its weight.

K "Cannon Kopje"—our strength the  
true source  
Walford's men hold it 'gainst Cronje's  
whole force.

L Are the ladies who stuck to this place,  
Good examples as showing what women  
can face.

M A Mafeking, in Dutch homes that word  
Recalls such a failure, that 'tis now  
never heard.

N Are the Nurses and plucky Miss Hill,  
So kind and so tender, 'tis good to be  
ill.

O Father Ogle—the Convent and Nuns,  
Gentle ladies, their home was destroyed  
by Boer guns.

P Is Protectorate, a regiment whose name  
Will be written one day in annals of  
fame,  
With leaders struck down, while shot  
and shell thundered,  
They walked up to Game Tree, Boers  
stood and wondered.

Q Is the Queen, may we merit Her praise,  
God bless and preserve Her the length  
of Her days.

R Railwaymen and keen Captain More,  
As imposing a lot as ever Boer saw.

S For the Stuff, a well-chosen crew;  
Tall Cecil trim Wilton, and another  
had "Blue,"  
While Ryan does sums, and Ronald  
disourses  
Of the war and his rations, of ladies  
and horses.

T The Town Guard—men trusty and true,  
Our safety and weal are much owing to  
you

U Is the Unit that makes up the whole  
What matter the hardships when ours  
the goal.

V Volunteers, hold "Rifles" and Band  
They all have their part in the "Mafeking  
stand."

W Mr. Weil, pluck is all very fine,  
But where should we be, without food  
and wine?

X Is for Xmas—our swift thoughts fly  
home  
To England and dear ones, wherever  
we roam

Y For the Years that roll by like a stream,  
Spring's faded to winter ere we wake  
from our dream.

Z Is the end of the Z.A.R.'s life,  
The conclusion of "Boerdorp," race-  
hated and strife,  
As a landmark of ages, this century  
brings  
Light and learning to all, and peace on  
its wings.  
Old scores should be ended, old wrongs  
be made right,  
And we'll stand all together for safety  
and might.

The traveller, who was somewhat of a  
philosopher, smiled as he walked on and  
muttered softly to himself "Vanity of  
Vanities, saith the preacher, all is Vanity  
—there is nothing new under the Sun."

#### AN ECHO FROM MAFEKING?

From Lady Smith, November 27th, a  
letter says:—We are still safe though the  
Boers bombard us daily. It is wonderful  
what little damage is done considering the  
number of shells thrown in.

We are anxiously looking for the relieving  
column.

The Boers take every mean advantage  
possible under white flags, fire on the hos-  
pital, &c. We are treated to a midnight  
bombardment almost every night, and all  
have had wonderful escapes at one time  
and another.

#### LONDON "CHRONICLE" AND SOUTH AFRICA.

London, November 25th.—Mr. Massing-  
ham has resigned the editorship of the  
Daily Chronicle owing to differences with  
the proprietors on the South African policy.

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#### FOSTERING TREASON.

At Aliwal North a Dutchman threatened to haul down the British flag, hoisted to celebrate Taka's Hill and Tindlovale victories. He was arrested and released on finding merely £5.

At Stuttgart the R.M. refused to host the Union Jack in honour of the Natal victories. The inhabitants did it themselves. He and his assistant hanged it down. Naturally this caused indignation. Next day he, presumably having received instructions from Capetown, hoisted it again. He ought to have been arrested.

An ex-officer of the Cape Garrison Artillery accepted a commission in the Transvaal Staats Artillerie some short time before the outbreak of hostilities and started recruiting in Capetown. His doings were well known and in fact were made public in the press, in spite of that and the attention of the authorities being called to it by a inhabitant of this town, he was allowed to continue his recruiting and go west free. Now he and his Capetown recruited men are fighting against us. This is another item of deliberate heavy entry on the other side to balance the account between the Bond Munnery and Mafeking.

#### WHAT IS THEIR GAME?

A telegram from Louis neo M... on 20th December announced he arrived from the Transvaal, previously a traitor for Capetown, of Chief Josias G... rocky, Messrs Sam Marks, Dr... k... member of the Volksraad, Leo Wentzel and Gifford... ham.

#### Cuttings from the "CANARD RIGGERS" NEWS.

##### Are you not frightened now?

The *S. D. News* says (Dec. 18th):  
"The Republic foresees an increasing activity and at any moment Lady... and Mafeking may find themselves transported as prisoners of war to Pretoria."

#### This is Tragic.

"As for O... r... it's doom is sealed."

The London *Daily Telegraph* in a description of the departure of the Guards relatives of a girl who, hanging on the arm of her soldier lover, cried bravely: "Keep your pecker up, Dick." Looking down at his sweetheart the man of battle and, contemptuously: "Taint me as needs keeping my pecker up, but Kruger."

The British Transvaal Bureau is known now, by the horse press, as Dr. Leyds' Canard Factory.

#### THE DRIVING COMPETITION

of Sunday last brought out a capital collection of troops and the manner in which the affair went off reflects great credit on the gentlemen who engineered it. The prizes were taken as follows:—

Troops of 10 Mules and Wagons.

For best Mules B Squadron.

" " Turn out C " "

" Driving A " "

Troops of 6 Mules and Carts

For turn-out B Squadron.

" Driving B.S.A. Police.

Troops of 4 Horses and Carts:

Major Gould Adams Divided

Prot. Regt Gun Team First Prize

Pair Horses in Harness

Mr. Weil.

Single Horse in Harness

Captain Co... ..

Riding Horse

Major B... .. 1st prize

Corpl. Currie, C.P., 2nd prize.

Sunday, January 7th, 1900.

The Grand

#### Siege Driving Competition.

One Prize for the most anxious and ready turn-out.

One Prize for the slowest and the whole that was the race.

The race consisted of driving a vehicle round a circular course while the band plays. When the band sounds the vessel that is nearest up to the winning post wins the race. Drivers choose their own pace, but they not stop till the bell sounds.

Any kind of vehicle, any kind of animal or team, any kind of dress is permissible, but each vehicle must be provided with some form of alarm such as horn, or whistle, etc., which must be kept sounding during the race.

Each vehicle must carry a lady passenger, to whom the prize goes in the case of the winning vehicle.

Sundays, 7th and 15th.

VARIETY

#### Entertainment Competition.

A Prize will be given to the Corps producing the best Variety Entertainment.

Amount of prize will depend on number of members of the troupe, at least £1 for every performer, 10s. each bandman or accompanist.

Corps taking:—Protectorate Regiment, B.S.A. Police, Cape Police, Town Guard, Bochnaaland Rifles, Railway Division.

Each competing troupe will have to provide an entertainment of 6 items on Sunday eve, and 6 (different) items the following Sunday.

They will have to give a performance at the following place, during the day, either Hospital and Hidden Hollow, or Cannon Koppe and Ellison's Kraal.

Trolleys for conveyance of troupes will be provided, also a table at each point.

A committee will be formed to each audience to award marks. The aggregate of these marks, after the performance, will determine which troupe is winners.

"Variety Entertainment" may include songs, minstrels, acrobats, conjurers, boxing, theatricals, etc., etc.

#### NOTICE.

MERCHANTS, Traders, Shopkeepers, etc., are prohibited from selling Meal, Mealie Meal, Kafir Corn or Grain of any sort. There are three Grain Stores at which purchase of Grain can be made, viz:—

No. 1 Native Store.

No. 2 Native Location.

No. 3, Lippman's Yard, Town Store (For Townspeople).

It has come to notice that several people who have in ill quantities of Meal, Meal and Grain in their possession are in the habit of handing over to their servants certain bulk quantities in order that the servants may feed themselves. This course is unnecessary waste. Servants should be put on ration by their master daily. The following quantities should amply suffice under present circumstances:

1 lb. to 1½ lb. of Meal, Meal or Grain, proportion to the number of bullock mules when Native women and children have to be fed, such as ½ to ¾ lb. per day.

C. M. RYAN, Capt.

D.A.G.

Mafeking 29th Dec., 1899

#### ERRATA.

We printed yesterday a wire announcing the retirement of the *Daily Chronicle* editor. By error the word "contributed" was placed over it. Our excellent readers would naturally think that it was a mistake. The word "contributed" is, of course, have been placed after the title of the A.B.C. rhyme under the head of "Coming Events Cast, &c."

#### Our Thermometer of Hope.

One of two native runners arrived this morning. His commission it is to be feared, has been killed. Unfortunately the messenger carried the letters, therefore we are without news. The man who came in has reported nothing likely to drive the mercury down. On the contrary he almost constantly corroborates the statement that a large number of our troops is between Taungas and Fourteen Streams, and variation of date is a mere detail. We have received a paper from which we will reproduce some portions in to-morrow's slip.





# THE MAFEKING MAIL

## SPECIAL SIEGE SLIP.

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No. 44

Wednesday January 3rd, 1900.

### The Mafeking Mail.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD JANUARY, 1900.

## Mafeking Garrison.

### GENERAL ORDERS.

MAFEKING, 2ND JANUARY, 1900.

**Warning Bell—The Big Gun.** The big bell will ring as a warning that the gun is loaded. If this is not followed by a certain number of deliberate strokes on the bell it means that the gun is pointed away from the town. TWO deliberate strokes on the bell, following the ringing of the bell as above means that the guns are pointed on the town, central or south. SIX deliberate strokes, following the ringing of the bell, means that the gun is pointed on the northern part of the town. The small bell will be rung when the gun is fired. All alarm bells will take up the signal from the big gun unless informed by their own Look-out, when they will ring at once.

**Incidary Shells.**—The flat topped 9 pounder shells which were fired yesterday morning (most of them are plugged with what appears to be rag) are pronounced by experts to be extremely dangerous. They should be buried at once in the earth, at least two feet deep. Putting water into them only increases the likelihood of explosion. In view of the fact that more incendiary shells may be fired at any time into the town, inhabitants are warned to have buckets or boxes of sand or earth ready in their houses to throw on any fire that might be started by the shells. Water will not extinguish an incendiary shell.

By order,

E. H. CECIL, Major,

Chief Staff Officer.

### NOTICE

As the enemy moved one of their guns to Jackal Tree occasional 7 pounder shots may be expected from the South west.

By order,

E. H. CECIL, Major,

Chief Staff Officer.

Mafeking, 2nd Jan., 1900.

### AN EYE FOR AN EYE.

It seems absolutely impossible ever to expect the British mind to understand the nature and character of the Boer. Experience apparently has no effect. Incident after incident may be reported but people at home still speak and act as

if it were a civilised race now fighting us on our own territory. The Boers were short of food, their families were starving. They depend upon external supplies for their very existence. Great Britain has the power to stop and did stop the entry of any food stuffs for the Transvaal. Had they continued to do so for a shorter fortnight it is most likely the whole campaign would have collapsed, but Her Majesty's Government, we regret to learn from the "Natal Mercury" of Nov. 24th, eschewed to remove the embargo upon the forwarding of foodstuffs to the Transvaal. This act of clemency doubtless prompted by humane consideration for the families of those now fighting against us, is an exceedingly foolish one when dealing with a people who cannot possibly account for it except upon the hypothesis that we are afraid of, and will to capitulate them. The humane deed, which will doubtless be commended by every English speaking person who does not know the character of our enemy, will be regarded by the Boers either as a piece of weakness, or, as before mentioned, a proceeding prompted by fear. In either case the result will be the same, for the matter is five weeks old—accidents and stupidity on their part cannot alter their madness. With a rebellious, vain and cunning animal as tame as a cat, no traitor would think of indulging the brute till his refractoriness was broken out of him. The ill-conditioned beast would probably snap at the hand offering the relief. So will the Boer.

### CUTTINGS FROM CONTEMPORARIES.

**Fort Tilly, December 16th.**—Yesterday Colonel Plummer received a report from Lieutenant Trevor to the effect that natives had been met with who asserted that there were no Boers at the Brak River, some 50 miles south of Middelburg. For some time any in the Zoutpansburg range. There is every indication that the enemy have retired to at least as far as Pietersburg, and it is in the hands that, safe in the knowledge of the rivers being in flood, they have left the Zoutpansburg and Waterberg with the idea that no invasion is to be feared from the north. It would, however, hardly do for us to be guided by this scheme, as in the event of two or three detachments being suffered by them at the Natal or Griqualand West, the Zoutpansburg might be flooded with a backwater of Boers. But guessing is of little avail. The "Pathfinder," "Bulala," as Mr. Stuart is styled by the native guides, having told us where the Boers are not, may shortly be in a position to say where the Boers are. On Thursday afternoon Corporal G. A. Calder and Private F. Lord and W. Friedman, of E Squadron, Tpr. J. Hockney, of A Squadron, Tpr. J. Matthews, of D Squadron, and Tpr. H. C. Carr of the B.S.A.P., who were all wounded in skirmishes on the Crocodile, were despatched, under the charge of Corporal Little, B.S.A.P., in an ambulance wagon for Bulawayo. Corporal A. H. Bullock, whose wound was much more severe than those of the others, will follow shortly in the care of the matron Mrs. Redrup. *—Natal Mercury, 17th.*

**D. Daily Mail** says "the necessity of dealing with the food supplies is apparent. The journal suggests that Consular influence should be brought to bear upon the Governments represented in Pretoria to induce them to supply that of which Great Britain would deprive us."

**The Field** of Paris assures its readers that the British Empire is eroded with the rust of ages and cannot expect to cope with the energetic young Boer nation.

From the **Daily Mail**.—A small body of Infantry can travel three miles an hour, Cavalry walk four miles an hour, Artillery three miles. It must not be forgotten that however strong other parts may be, the speed of a combined force upon the march is no greater than that of its slowest arm.

The Germans at Glencoe have a school and when the Boers retired from Dundee about 20 women and children fled from the school and were making their way to a Transport Magazine when the Boers spotted them and fired on them. The poor creatures had to spend the night in the rain, lost their way, and when they returned found their place had been wrecked.

From the **Western Mail**.—Mr. Bull: You could have had more men out there before you bluffed."

"Mr. Chamberlain: 'Oh, but we couldn't, Sir; those dreadful Radicals—'"

"Mr. Bull: 'Don't tell me that—with your majority of 150,—the fact is, you bluffed before you got your cards.'"

**Natal Mercury.**—In a dispatch authenticated by the signature of Major Altham, previously, Ladysmith, it is stated: "the Boers have to be driven up to work their guns with loaded revolvers pointed at their heads."

### CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr. J. Williams. We are very much obliged for your letter, which has just reached us, having been nearly three months on the road. We note its contents and shall certainly see that attention is given to your suggestion.

### NOTICE.

THE Post Office counter will be open on Sunday, January 7th, from 9 to 10 a.m., for delivery of letters, a list of which is exhibited at Dixon's Hotel. Private Boxes open same time.

J. V. HOWAT, Postmaster.  
January 3rd, 1900.

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## SPECIAL ISSUE

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No. 45

Thursday, January 4th, 1900.

### The Mafeking Mail.

THURSDAY, 4th JANUARY, 1900.

#### WANTED, NEWS.

We have started on the thirteenth week of our bombardment. We are as firm as ever, we are more fit to repel on attack now than ever we were three months ago. We know that if it be necessary we can hold Mafeking for another three months or even two similar periods, but we want NEWS. We want to know what is being done by White Clery, G. there, M. there, we want to know where the forces are, and what they are doing. Whether had or good the news—no matter—we want it. The Boers outside must know what is going on, their lie—our mind too—are kept open the publication here of what has taken place would convey a more information to them than they are already possessed of. The Dutch display has been almost nightly risking their lives in carrying messages backward and forwards between our enemies outside and our enemies inside the garrison, but none of our people, if we except the man who came in Reuter's reports in the middle of November, has sent us a single word. The British force cannot be far away now. It is impossible that many Boers remain between us. A deviation of the journey of two miles to right or left would avoid contact with them. We have assets and money, yet the two combined cannot get us what we need, and more than anything else—NEWS, regular and reliable, whether of victory or defeat, let us have the NEWS without compromise. It is particularly exasperating that we, with money and men, who know every fact of the country, are unable to get a single word through.

#### "GENTLE ANNIE" TO THE RESCUE.

Last evening our pupils came to the enemy's line and we tried it considerably. No soon as had the brute began its usual afternoon barking then our seven-pounder term yelped. One of them bit it. "Gentle Annie" sprang at it, at first too faint to get the distance better, took a piece out of the Boers' front works. The whole crowd were so alarmed, they evidently thought our men were coming at them again, for they hurried up to reinforce the big gun fort. Impossible it might have appeared our small artillery stopped the noise of their on-pound maxim and Groetzje was quiet last night and all this morning. We hear, but do not vouch for its truth, that there was a funeral by the big gun fort this morning. Whether or not, inner credit is due to Major Punzera and his men for the manner in which they manipulated their guns. They have evidently given the enemy a shock.

#### ASSESSMENT OF PROPERTY.

List of names of owners whose property will probably be assessed on Sunday next, 7th instant—

Messrs. J. Weil, Mahomed Dada, R. F. Appelbo, H. Neech, G. Riesle, E. C. Wright, D. E. McConnell, O. Fodisch, Rev. Hudson, Messrs. J. W. de Kook, R. H. Martin, and Mafeking Club.

Sunday, January 7th, 1900.

The Grand

#### Siege Driving Competition.

One Prize for the most unique and original turn out.

One Prize for the lady passenger in the vehicle that wins the race.

The race consists of driving your vehicle round a circular course while the band plays. When the band sounds the vehicle that is nearest up to the winning post wins the race. Drive choose their own pace, but may not stop till the band sounds.

Any kind of vehicle, any kind of animal or team, any kind of dress is permissible, but each vehicle must be provided with some form of alarm, such as horn, or whistle, etc., which must be kept sounding during the race.

Each vehicle must carry a lady passenger, to whom the prize goes in the case of the winning vehicle.

Sundays, 7th and 14th.

#### VARIETY

#### Entertainment Competition.

Each team to bring to the Competition the best Variety Entertainment.

A number of prizes will be awarded to members of the troupe at least £1 for every performer, 10s. each bandman or accompanist.

Comps being—Protectors Regiment, B.S.A. Police, C.P. Police, Town Guard, Bechuanaaland Rifles, Railway Division.

Each competing team will have to provide an entertainment of 6 items on Sunday next, and 6 (different) on the following Sunday.

They will have to give a performance at the following places during the day, either Hoopland and Holden, Holloway or Cannon Koppe and E. H. H. Kraal.

Tables for conveyance of troupes will be provided, also a stage at each point.

A committee will be formed in each audience to award marks. They agree to the marks, after the performance will determine which team is winners.

"Variety Entertainment" may include song, music, acrobats, contortion, boxing, theatricals, etc., etc.

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#### POET'S CORNER.

##### THE ARMOURD TRAIN

There a risk on the ballasted roadway,  
They said then that the level bridge  
Red runs from sheep to sheep,  
And wreck on the holed ridge,  
No signal to herald my coming,  
No whistle to warn the plain,  
Said clear—I am warned by patroling,  
Make way for the Armoured Train!  
I am not to time, nor to tattle,  
I'm neither an "up" nor a "down"  
But "Full speed ahead" is my order,  
When starting the enemy's town,  
My miles have a backing of cordite,  
My language is powder and shell,  
With smoke back ablaze, I thunder  
A traveller's sample of hell!  
They have laid me a mine by a covert,  
They have bosomed a hole by a curve,  
But thrice tested steel is my shield,  
And thrice tested brass is my nerve  
A curse for their bungling folk,  
A laugh for the death-trap that fails,  
A hang for the enemy's doom,  
So long as I keep to the rail.  
A cheer, and I pull from the township  
To spy out the enemy's line,  
A plunge—and I rush into darkness  
As reckless of wreck as a mine.  
And what if a rail had been lifted?  
And what if a river's unspanned?  
I fail, but I know in the fading  
I strove at the Empire's command.  
They were men who at Bulwer conquered,  
They were men who for Wellington struck  
And a man is the man at the cottage,  
And a man is the man on the track.  
Undaunted I may go to destruction,  
For I know at the end I may feel  
I die with the men on the footplate,  
I pass with my brothers in steel.

—EDGAR WALLACE.

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No. 46 (No. 45 cancelled)

Friday, January 5th, 1900.

86th Day of Siege.

Reprints of Nos. 1, 2 and 3 are now ready.

### The Mafeking Mail.

FRIDAY, 5th JANUARY, 1900.

#### "GENTLE ANNIE" TO THE RESCUE.

Last evening our pups set on the enemy's boar bound and worried it considerably. No sooner had the brute began its usual afternoon barking than our seven pound terriers yelled. One of them bit it. "Gentle Annie" sprang at it, at first too far, then getting the distance better, took a piece out of the Boers' front works. The whole crowd were so alarmed, they evidently thought our men were coming at them again, for they swarmed up to reinforce the big gun fort. Impossible it might have appeared our small artillery stopped the noise of their one-pound maxim and Gretje was quiet last night and all this morning. We hear, but do not vouch for its truth, that there was a funeral by the big gun fort this morning. Whether or not, much credit is due to Major Panzera and his men for the manner in which they manipulated their guns. They have evidently given the enemy a shock.

The following is the Official Notice referring to the Operation.—

The Colonel Commanding desires to congratulate Major Panzera, commanding Artillery, and all concerned, on the very successful Artillery action of yesterday evening.

For two nights previously Col. Wyvyan had been making gun emplacements and shelter trenches in which to conceal and give security to guns and men. During the day yesterday the enemy had evidently no knowledge of their presence, and the Artillery duel on the western face in the morning tended to allay any suspicion. Consequently when, at 5 p.m., our hidden guns suddenly opened a concentrated fire on the enemy's main battery at 2,300 yards, it came as a surprise to them. Their guns replied with great accuracy at first, but, under the continuous fire of our 7-pounders and Nordenfelts, assisted by the old ship's gun, and the long range volleys of covering parties of B.S.A.P. and "Bechuanaland Rifles," they could not do much. The enemy's musketry fire, although heavy at first, was eventually silenced, and after an hour's cannonade their 94 pounder was unable to continue firing, being evidently damaged in her elevating gear. The one-pounder Maxim was silenced, and the 9-pounder Krupp was withdrawn. Our guns continued the fire up till dark but the enemy made no reply. They were completely silenced.

The Boers sent strong reinforcements of mounted and dismounted men from both their eastern and western laagers, but these did not venture within range, had they done so they would have met with a warm reception from the "Bechuanaland Rifles" and a troop of the Protectorate Regiment, who had been brought up as supports to meet their move.

Our gunners, under Major Panzera and Lieutenant Daniel, worked with co-

spicuous coolness and energy in spite of heavy musketry and accurate gun fire from the enemy. Happily none were hit. Lowe and Mulholland, Railway Division, in charge of the Nordenfelt, again distinguished themselves by their coolness and accurate shooting. Their gun was struck more than once.

This decided silencing of the enemy's guns cannot fail to cause the Boers to lose much faith in their Artillery, while it must enhance in their eyes the pluck of our own men in beating them with inferior weapons. Mafeking, 4th Jan., 1900.

### Mafeking Garrison.

#### GENERAL ORDERS.

MAFEKING, 4TH JANUARY, 1900.

*Trial of Military Offenders.*—All cases of crime occurring in enlisted Corps will be brought before a Field General Court Martial, and not before the Court of Summary Jurisdiction.

*Court of Summary Jurisdiction.*—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet to-morrow, Friday, the 5th instant, at the Court House, at 10.15 a.m., for the examination of such prisoners as may be brought before it. President: H. H. Major Gould Adams, C.B., C.M.G. Member: Lieut.-Colonel C. O. H.

By Order.

E. H. CECIL, Major,  
Chief Staff Officer.

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#### OUR HOPE-OMETER.

##### Mercury still Firm.

By the courtesy of Mr. Ben Weil we reproduce the following from a wire he received, through Batwayo, from Mr. Julius Weil, M.L.A., now at Capetown. The date of the original would be now about a month old. After explaining some business details relating to the transport wagons and oxen for use of the Imperial troops, he says: "General Lord Methuen's forces, after three brilliant successes at Belmont, Graspan, and Modder River, are successfully advancing, driving the enemy in front of them, many Boers have been killed and wounded. Kimberley garrison is now reported to have joined hands with the Relief Column. [It will be noticed that the time agrees with and corroborates former accounts to hand]. Continuing, Mr. Weil says: "Our troops in Natal are also pushing the Boers hard and driving them back. Ladysmith and all our garrisons are safe."

"Convey my congratulations to Colonel Baden-Powell, Lord E. Cecil, Colonels Horne and Walford, Major Vyvyan, and all the brilliant and plucky defence

of Mafeking." The message also includes expression of congratulations and good wishes to His Honour the Mayor and various other inhabitants of the town, the names of Mr. Gerrans, Captain Goodyear, and Mr. Frances are also included, nor are the members of the establishment forgotten. It winds up with reference to several previous messages which have evidently been intercepted.

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#### POETS CORNER.

##### THE ARMOURD TRAIN.

There's risk on the ballast road-way;  
There's death on the gird red bridge,  
Red run from sleeper to sleeper,  
And wreck on the bouldered ridge,  
No signal to head my coming,  
No whistle to waken the plain,  
Stand clear—I am warned for patrolling—  
Make way for the Armoured Train!  
I run not to time, nor to table,  
I'm neither an "up" nor a "down",  
But "Full speed ahead" is my order,  
When skirt the enemy's town,  
My wheels have a hacking of combat,  
My luggage is powder and shell,  
With smoke stack ablazing I thunder  
A traveller's sample of hell!

They have laid a mine by a culvert,  
They have loosened a bolt by a curve,  
But three tested still is my muscle,  
And three tested brass is my nerve.  
A curse for their hanging folly,  
A laugh for the death trap that falls,  
A laugh for the enemy's mine,  
So long as I keep to the rails.

A cheer—and I pull from the township  
To spy out the enemy's line.  
A plang—and I rush into darkness  
As reckless of wreckage as mine  
And what if a rail had been lifted?  
And what if a river's unspanned?  
I fail, but I know in the failing  
I strove at the Empire's command.

They were men who at Badajos conquered,  
They were men who for Wellington struck  
And a man is the man at the throttle,  
And a man is the man on the truck.  
Undismayed I may go to destruction,  
For I know at the end I may feel  
I die with the men on the footplate,  
I pass with my brothers in steel.

—EUGEN WALLACE.

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Saturday, January 6th, 1900.

87th Day of Siege.

### The Mafeking Mail

SATURDAY, 6TH JANUARY 1900

## LATEST NEWS.

### LADYSMITH RELIEVED.

### Boers' Big Gun Destroyed.

### Four Maxims and Howitzer captured.

### General Gatacre reached Molteno.

### NATAL.

Ladysmith was relieved, date not given, but probably about the 2nd of December, after hard fighting and severe losses on the enemy. It will be remembered that in last Saturday's issue we reported that our forces met with a reverse at Colenso, some of our guns being captured by the enemy. A few days later Sir Redvers Buller took Colenso and recovered our guns, killed and wounded large numbers of Boers and restored the remainder. He then advanced to the relief of Ladysmith. The Germans of the town had previously made a fort and destroyed the enemy's big French gun ("Long Tom" as the boeraged folk called it) which used to be fired into the town in the middle of the night like "Old Groutie" is here and captured four Maxims and a Howitzer. The reverse at Colenso was occasioned by a Battery of Heavy Artillery going into action to fire back at Gatacre's right flank, the Boers' was cut off, lost off the horse and most of its officers and men were shot. Of course this was wiped out in a day or two afterwards.

### SOUTH.

General Buller is at Naauwpoort and successfully holding the enemy back. He has further reinforcements, while General Gatacre, who was reported last week had lost 267 men near the Stormberg through some treacherous guidance, has got so far as Molteno. The enemy, therefore, could not have materially interfered with his progress. It is gratifying to know that we are through the dangerous Stormberg country and steadily gaining ground in the midst of that hot bed of devilry, of which Molteno (damned name) is about the centre. The importance of Naauwpoort being successfully held by our troops is apparent when we consider its position regarding Colberg and tentorous Burgendorp. It will also keep open communication south.

General Methuen has built a new bridge at Madder River and is advancing against the enemy at Spionkop.

He will be reinforced by the 5th Division (which has by now arrived). The 6th Division embarked 24th December, 7th and 8th Divisions are being prepared for embarkation. Another Canadian Regiment is being got ready, and New South Wales is ready to send more troops if necessary.

It is reported that Lord Roberts has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of S. Africa, and left England 2d December in the Dunott Castle. Lord Kitchener is to be his Chief Staff Officer.

### NORTH.

Our forces have reached Crocodile Pools and are doing well.

Matters in the north will be very slowly and will be necessary for us therefore to wait for some time yet which can easily be. Our food with proper care to avoid waste would last another three months if it were necessary—which however, is not likely to be the case.

### Sundays, 7th and 14th.

### Variety Entertainment.

### World-wide Show

### Driving Competition.

### COMMITTEE

### RECREATION GROUND

Captain Greenwood and two Gentlemen and two Ladies to be selected by him.

Major Godley and two Gentlemen and two Ladies to be selected by him.

A prize will be given to the best Variety Entertainment.

Amount of prize will depend on number of members of the troupe, at least 21 for every performance, 10 each handman or accompanist.

The following entertainment will take place to-morrow, commencing at 3 p.m.

### RECREATION GROUND.

Variety Entertainment given by the Cape Police and Bechuanaland Rifles.

### CAPE POLICE, D-2, ELLIS' FORT

### "Semper Vigilans."

### PROGRAMME.

1. Piano and Mony Organ Medley.  
PTE. A. W. RICHARDS.
2. Come Song ... ..  
PTE. E. W. CORNWELL.
3. Sword Exercise, &c. ... ..  
CORPL. CLIMENTS, PTE. WARREN and PTE. SCALY.
4. Mandolin Solo ... ..  
PTE. J. P. MURRAY.
5. Club Swinging ... ..  
PTE. HALL.
6. Hot Dance ... ..  
CORPL. H. M. B. CURRIE.

### BECHUANALAND RIFLES.

### Travelling Minstrel Troupe.

### PROGRAMME

1. March Past ... ..  
STAAT ARTILLERIE.
  2. Song, "Old Swanee Ribber," ... ..  
GENERAL SNYMAN.
  3. Grand Movable Drill Display ... ..  
By the TROOP.
  4. Tent ... ..  
By the DARK TOWN SPECTRAL TEAM.
  5. ... ..  
By PTE. CHEN.
  6. ... ..  
By the TROOP.
- And a War Dance by the ... ..  
To be followed by ... ..

### WORLD WIDE SHOW!!

The Grand

### Siege Driving Competition.

On ... ..  
On ... ..

The race consists of driving the vehicle round a circular course while the band plays. When the last sounds the vehicle has to rest up to the winning post with the race. Drivers choose their own pace, but may not stop till the last sounds. Any kind of vehicle, any kind of animal or team, any kind of dress is permissible, but each vehicle must be provided with

some form of alarm, such as horn, or whistle, etc., which must be kept sounding during the race.

Each vehicle must carry a lady passenger, to whom the prize goes in the case of the winning vehicle.

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## Hidden Hollow.

Variety Entertainment given by the Protectorate Regt. and the B.S.A. Police.

### PROTECTORATE REGIMENT.

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#### PROGRAMME

1. Comic Song ... ..  
TROOPER BARRON.
2. Recitation, "American"  
TROOPER BURKE.
3. Song, "Nancy Lee"  
TROOPER CLARKE
1. Comic Song ... ..  
TROOPER COOPER.
2. Banjo Duet ... ..  
CORPL. BAILLIE AND PRIVATE GOTT.
6. Laughable Sketch, "The Sho black"  
"Billy," TPR. COOPER, "Jimmy,"  
TPR. BARRON, "The Toll," TROOPER  
CLARKE.

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### B.S.A. POLICE, CANNON KOPJE.

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#### PROGRAMME

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|---------------|--------|-------------------------|
| Cornet Solo   | ... .. | Tpr. Turbridge          |
| Comic Song    | ... .. | Burke.                  |
| Clog Dance    | ... .. | Fell                    |
| Song          | ... .. | Ascoug.                 |
| Boxing        | ... .. | Tprs. Burke and Parish. |
| Club Swinging | ... .. | Tpr. Parish             |

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Trolleys for conveyance of troupes will be provided, also a stag at each point.

A similar entertainment will be provided on the following Sunday at the same time, the performers changing places, namely — To-morrow's Hidden Hollow party going to the Recreation Ground and the Recreation Ground party to Hidden Hollow.

On the final day the Committees will decide on the best performance and prizes will be awarded.

By the kind permission of Capt. Cowan, the Band of the Bechuanaland Rifles will perform on both days.

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### GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

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# THE MAFEKING MAIL

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Monday, January 8th, 1900.

89th Day of Siege.

The Mafeking Mail.

MONDAY, 8th JANUARY, 1900.

Mafeking Garrison.

### GENERAL ORDERS.

MAFEKING, 6th JANUARY, 1900.

**Local Shell Foundry**—It is notified for information that from to-morrow inclusive the Workshops, with all the necessary plant, etc., used for casting shell, in the Railway Works, will be taken over by the Military Authorities as an Ordnance Workshop. It will be placed under the C.R.A., Major Panzera, who will be responsible for it and will appoint the necessary workmen, etc.

**States**—Commanders of Corps will prepare, at their earliest convenience, a State showing the number of men in the command at the commencement of the Siege (13th October, 1899).

**Visiting Justice**—The Visiting Justice to the Mafeking Gaol for the ensuing week will be Major Gould-Adams, C.B., C.M.G.

**Office Hours**. Chief Paymaster.—It is notified that the following are the office hours of the Chief Paymaster for pay and accounts for Europeans: 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon, or other times by appointment.

By order,

E. H. CECIL, Major,  
Chief Staff Officer.

MAFEKING, 8th JANUARY, 1900.

**Pay of Acting A.S.C. Officer**.—With reference to General Order No. 2, of the 10th December, 1899, pay and allowances from Imperial Funds at the rate of One Pound per diem (consolidated), is hereby authorised, from the above date inclusive to Captain Girdwood, while he is performing the duties of Acting A.S.C. Officer.

**Court of Summary Jurisdiction**.—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet to-morrow, Tuesday, the 8th instant, at the Court House, at 10.15 a.m., for the examination of such prisoners as may be brought before it. President: Major Lord Edward Cecil, D.S.O., Member: C. G. H. Bell Esq., C.C. & R.M.

**Ordnance Workshop Staff and Pay**.—With reference to General Order No. 1 of the 6th instant, the following Civil Staff are appointed to the Shell Factory from this day's date inclusive, at the daily rates of pay and in the capacities noted against their respective names:—

J. Conolly, Foreman	£1
L. Coghlan, Fitter	15s
J. Russell, Fitter	15s
A. Forbes, Turner	15s
S. Nettle, Turner	15s
B. King, Furnaceman	15s

**Bread Rations**.—The 1-lb bread ration will, from the 10th instant inclusive, be reduced to three quarters of a lb. per man.

The ration to women will remain as here before, namely, half a lb. for each woman, one quarter lb. for children of fourteen years of age and under.

By order,  
E. H. CECIL, Major,  
Chief Staff Officer

### Official Time.

Call for dinners will be sounded by the Headquarter Trumpeter every day at 1 o'clock, the time having been got from Major Gould Adams' Chronometer, and this will be the official time for Mafeking.

### MAFEKING EN CARNIVAL.

The amusements provided yesterday at the Recreation Ground under the auspices of Colonel Baden-Powell, proved so successful and were appreciated so much by the visitors that they were one and all seized with a kind of carnivalago, a disease which is seldom taken by British folk. Certainly the attack was a mild one and no bad after effects have been noticed. On the contrary it is asserted that the general tone of the patients is better for having undergone the complaint. The Bechuanaland Rifles sent some half-dozen niggers, who started the fun. They have discovered the "missing link" and covering the india rubber like objects with chintz, set it to dance which it somewhat reluctantly did. The Driving Competition brought out an odd vehicular mixture. Tooled by the Colonel was a rickshaw drawn by a mule, a donkey and a sturdy ox. The Bechuanaland Rifles sent a light van drawn by mules, five wheelers, and a solitary leader John Bull and a flaxen haired lady (artillerists Brennan and Wright) rode a gun carriage. Two gentlemen, powdered and bewigged in silken court suits of the 18th century, were drawn about by a single grey, while a first-class pair of greys pulled a groom and groomess in a Cape cart. A trolley full of kaffirs, whose legs were white-washed other conveyances circled round while the hand played. When the music stopped the flaxen haired dunsel was the fortunate "lady" entitled to the prize. The Cape Police gave an exceedingly good selection. A topical song with reference to dug outs and other concomitants of siegedom, written and sung by Mr. Coxwell, was deservedly well received, while the "Hotten-tot Dance" by Corpl. Currie provoked enthusiastic applause and concluded the entertainment.

At Hidden Hollow the Protectorate Regiment had some always popular songs, some good banjo playing, and a sketch. The B.S.A.P. provided varieties from a boxing bout to a cornet solo. Next Sunday the troupes reverse places.

### THANKS.

Mr. Angus Hamilton desires to express his sincere thanks to those gentlemen who so kindly assisted him yesterday in a moment of misfortune. He regrets that their names are unknown to him.

Mafeking, Jan. 8th, 1900.

### POETS CORNER.

King's Royal Rifles  
Royal Dublin Fusiliers.  
October 20th, 1899.

Peace to the empty rhetorical prater,  
Peace to your "patriot" chatter and brag!  
What! did you deem the Celt was a traitor,  
Dream that the soldier was false to his flag?

Hurl, if it please you, your windy defiance,  
Hant of the deeds that you never will do,  
Eloquent Dillons and frothy O'Briens,  
Slander not men who are better than you.

Waiting for the word that would call them to action,

Steeling their courage to conquer or fail,  
Little they rocked of the babble of faction,  
Soldiers of Ireland far in Natal:  
Only they knew that the guns were before them,

Only they knew there was honour to gain,

Charged on the foe for the Island that bore them,

Routed and chased him o'er mountain and plain!

'Tis not in speech is a country's salvation  
Lads that can fall with their face to the foe—

These are the men who make Ireland a nation,

Slainte,\* O Irish, who fought at Glencoe!  
Saxon and Celt tho' they strive to dis sever,  
Faction may part us and seas are between,

Soldiers are links to unite us for ever,  
Soldiers of Erin who died for the Queen  
\*Slainte. Irish for "Health to you."

A. D. GODLEY

### LATEST NEWS.

#### COLENSO.

2,000 Boers Killed.

3,000 Taken Prisoners.

By the courtesy of the Colonel Commanding we are enabled to print the following:

The news regarding the relief of Ladysmith is as follows: The "Congella" arrived 31st December at Beers, and the "Undine" on 1st January. The officers of the "Congella" state that the Boers were defeated at Colenso with a loss of 2,000 killed and wounded and 3,000 prisoners. The officers of the "Undine" say that the report at Lourenco Marques was that 1,700 Boers had been killed at Colenso and our guns had been recaptured there.

This news has not yet been officially confirmed but is generally believed to be true. It is also reported that Joubert suggested an exchange of captured officers.

Sir Marshall Clarke telegraphs his sincere sympathy on the loss of the gallant officers and men who fell on the 20th December.



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Tuesday, January 9th, 1900.

90th Day of Siege.

The Mafeking Mail.

TUESDAY, 9TH JANUARY, 1900

Mafeking Garrison.

### GENERAL ORDERS.

MAFEKING, 9TH JANUARY, 1900.

*Hotel and other Bars, etc.*—The constantly recurring grave evils arising from the sale of drink to soldiers and others performing military duty, have rendered it necessary to further restrict the hours of sale on week days. From to-morrow inclusive, therefore, all Bars will be closed at 6 p.m., and the sale of liquor in Hotel Bars after that hour will be rigidly confined to persons who are bona fide residents in the hotel or boarders requiring it at their meals. The attention of proprietors is directed to the power of the authorities to punish any neglect to obey this order by confiscation of their stock and the permanent closing of their bars, and in a case of proved offence the power will undoubtedly be exercised.

*Court of Summary Jurisdiction.*—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet to-morrow, Wednesday, the 10th instant, at the Court House, at 10-15 a.m., for the examination of such prisoners as may be brought before it. President: Major Lord Edward Cecil, C.S.O., Member: C. G. H. Bell, Esq., C.C. & R.M.

By order,

E. H. CECIL, Major,

Chief Staff Officer

WHERE'S A TH' SILLER?

### THE HOPEOMETER.

#### STILL FIRM.

#### NEWS TO DATE

By the courtesy of the Colonel Commanding we are enabled to print the following:—

A reliable Native has just arrived from Vryburg. He states that 10,000 British troops are now in Kimberley, and 9,000 more at Modder River. Four armoured trains are running between those two places.

The railway between this and Vryburg has not been carted away as was reported, it only requires relaying in a good number of places.

The Boers are being collected about the Vryburg District to go again against the British at Kimberley. They are most unwilling to proceed and have to be forced on.

[They will never do it without being reinforced by a different class of fighters, and it is more than doubtful that the enemy can so reinforce them.—Eo.]

### Records of Different Sieges.

We are indebted to Lieutenant R. Moncrieff for the following notes, from which it will be seen that we have not yet broken the record:—

29 Years.

The Siege of Azoth, says Herodotus, held out for 29 years. This is at present the record.

10 Years.

The siege of Troy, the most celebrated of sieges recorded in the annals of ancient history, occupied 10 years. The date of the raising of this siege was 1184 B.C.

327 Days.

Sebastopol underwent 11 months' Siege by the French and English from 17th October, 1854, to 9th September, 1855. The French lost in one battle 140 officers killed and 1,600 men killed, and 6,000 wounded and missing.

286 Days.

Khartoum was closely invested in April, 1884, and on the 26th January, 1885, Gordon was killed; and the town taken.

142 Days.

The Siege of Plevna commenced 30th July, 1877, and Osman Pasha surrendered after total defeat, 9th December, 1877.

135 Days.

The Siege of Paris dated from 15th

September, 1870, to January 28th, 1871.

87 Days.

The Siege of Lucknow commenced 1st July, 1857, and was relieved by Havelock 25th September, 1857.

84 Days.

Potchefstroom from 27th December, 1880, to March 21st, 1881.

66 Days.

The Siege of Metz began 22nd August, 1870, conquered by famine October 27th, 1870. Marshal Bazaine surrendered with his army consisting of two other Marshals, Canrobert and La Boeuf, 66 generals, 6,000 officers and 173,000 men, 400 pieces of artillery and 100 mitrailleuses.

48 Days.

Strasbourg invested by Germans, 10th August, 1870. Bombardment commenced 14th August. Capitulation Sept. 27th, 1870.

34 Days.

Siege of Candahar, 28th July, 1880, to 31st August, 1880.

### NOTICE.

WE, the undersigned, beg to give notice that on and after this date the prices of Liquors will be as follows:—

Whisky, per glass, 1s 6d  
Gin, per glass, 1s  
Dop Brandy, per glass, 1s.  
Cape Wines, per glass, 6d  
Beer and Stout, Quarts 4s  
Pints 2s

DIXON & Co.

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# THE MAFEKING MAIL

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Wednesday, January 10th. 1900.

91st Day of Siege

The Mafeking Mail.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH JANUARY, 1900.

Mafeking Garrison.

### GENERAL ORDERS.

MAFEKING, 10TH JANUARY, 1900.

**Appointment.** Court of Summary Jurisdiction.—Major F. W. Panzera, Brigade Major, F.F., is appointed a member of the Court of Summary Jurisdiction, under Proclamation of 19th October and 17th November, 1899.

**Capt. Ryan, D.A.A.G. Office Hours.**—On and after the 11th inst. persons desirous of seeing Captain Ryan, D.A.A.G., are requested to call at the Court House Office between the hours of 10 a.m. and 12 noon (Sundays excepted).

**Court of Summary Jurisdiction.**—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet to-morrow, Thursday, the 11th instant, at the Court House, at 10.15 a.m., for the examination of such prisoners as may be brought before it. President, Lieut.-Col. C. B. Vyvyan. Member Major F. W. Panzera.

**Brigade Signallers.**—With reference to General Order No. 2, of 20th December, 1899, one of the weekly practices therein ordered will, in future, be held under the Brigade Major, who will superintend the practice and will keep a record of times, qualifications, &c., for reference and for the information of the Colonel Commanding.

**Requisitions for Supplies, etc., Victoria Hospital.**—All requisitions for Supplies, Stores, etc., for Hospital use, must be countersigned by the P.M.O.

**Handling Unexploded Shells.**—In view of yesterday's unfortunate accident to Mr. Graham, attention is again directed to General Order No. 2, of 8th December, 1899. All persons are warned that they will be held liable for any damage to life, limb or property of others, arising out of the unauthorized handling of unexploded shells. Any person finding an unexploded shell must immediately report it to the commander of the nearest post, who will be responsible that it is at once buried at a safe distance below the surface.

**Staff Clerk to the Chief Paymaster.**—With reference to General Order No. 1, of 8th November, 1899, Sergt. Major Jolley, B.S.A.P., will receive, while performing the duties of Staff Clerk to the Chief Paymaster, from that date inclusive, the sum of 5s. per diem as Imperial extra duty pay.

**Lights Out Women's Laager.**—Lights have been observed on several occasions in the Women's Laager at late hours, these lights are most objectionable and misleading, and in future all lights are to be extinguished at 9.30 p.m. The Laager Piquet will report at once any cases of disobedience of this order.

**Assessment of Damage by Enemy's Shell and Rifle Fire.**—All persons submitting claims for approval by the Committee of Assessment, must from this date clearly describe on the form provided, the name of the landlord, and also the name of the tenant. Claims for furniture may be sent in, in the usual way, viz., submitting only

the name of claimant, though describing distinctly the number of article and where the latter is to be found.

By order,  
E. H. CECIL, Major,  
Chief Staff Officer

### LATEST NEWS.

By the courtesy of the Colonel Commanding we are enabled to print the following:—

#### THE "CIVILISED" BOER.

A Native boy escaped from the Boers two nights ago. He had been employed in the big gun fort. He states that he heard the Boers saying that we had written protesting against their firing at the Hospital, etc., and they then fired two shots at it on purpose (These fell close to the Hospital on the 2nd inst.).

#### BRAVO MAFEKING.

One day about the New Year, two men in the fort were killed by our fire and one had his left arm broken. The chief gunner was shot some days ago, and goes about on crutches. In the bombardment of the 3rd inst. we knocked their parapet to pieces, killed five men and wounded many more.

#### MEMORIAL TO OFFICERS, N.C.O.'S AND MEN WHO HAVE FALLEN DURING THE WAR.

A meeting of the Memorial Committee was held at Dixon's Hotel, at 9.30 p.m., on the 29th December, 1899.

Present: Colonel Baden-Powell, Lieutenant-Colonel Vyvyan, Lieutenant-Colonel Walford, Major Gold-Adams, Major Panzera, Inspector Marsh, Inspector Browne, Capt. Greener, Lieut. Hon. H. Tracey, Hon. Secs. & Treasurers. 1. Col. Baden-Powell was unanimously elected Chairman.

2. Proposed and carried that an officer of each Corps form a working Sub-Committee to collect subscriptions and ascertain the views of the Corps as to the form of memorial, etc. The Town Guard to be represented by Major Gold-Adams and Colonel Vyvyan.

3. Proposed and carried that all those whose names appear on the Medal Roll be allowed to subscribe.

4. Proposed and carried that subscriptions be as follows.—N.C.O.'s and men limited to 10s., all other limited to £2.

5. Proposed and carried that the memorial be a General Memorial to be placed opposite the New Town Hall, or some other convenient and conspicuous position.

6. The Hon. Secretaries and Treasurers were requested to ascertain approximately the cost of an obelisk, and a small plain cross to each grave.

7. The Committee to meet again this day week (5th January 1899) at the same place, at 5.30 p.m., to report progress in collecting, etc.

8. That His Worship the Mayor be invited to serve on the Committee. A vote

of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

(Sgd.) H. GREENER, Capt.  
(Sgd.) A. HANBURY TRACEY, Lt.  
Hon. Secs. & Treas.  
(Sgd.) R. S. S. BADEN-POWELL, Col.  
Chairman.

Reprinted from the last Cape Argus to hand.

#### AN EXTRAORDINARY CASE.

One of the most painful incidents of modern times occurred in August when a amiable and gifted young lady died under the following distressing circumstances: It seems that about a year ago a family of German descent, named Boomershine, settled near Phillips County, U.S.A. Miss Boomershine exhibited symptoms of a nature so alarming as to cause serious anxiety to her friends. She developed the strange habit of eating clay. Unfortunately, early this summer the grasshoppers swarmed to the district where the Boomershines lived, and soon began depositing their eggs in the gardens, fields, and roadsides. It was not long before Miss Boomershine began to complain of internal pains. Her fancy for eating clay subsided, but she was constantly nibbling blades of corn, leaves of trees, dog fennel, and other weeds, and frequently said she felt as if she "could take wings and fly away." At last her family called in Dr. Le Duc, of Phillipsburg, who said he had never before seen or read of such a disease, and that in his opinion Miss Boomershine must be labouring under a mental hallucination. Her desire to "fly" continued unabated until the other day, when the grasshoppers commenced rising and taking their flight. Miss Boomershine appeared restless that morning—standing at the window and watching the grasshoppers, while her friends were anxiously watching her. Suddenly, as though unable to control herself, she rushed out of the house, flapped her arms as if they were wings, rose about ten feet in the air, and then fell to the ground dead. A post mortem examination by Dr. Le Duc revealed the fact that within she was "littered swarming with grasshoppers." The instinct of these insects prompted them to migrate with other grasshoppers, and hence the eccentric conduct and death of this unfortunate girl.

The Cape Argus "fears the tale is apocryphal."

## News.

Special for the Ladies.

FIRTH'S

— Melton Cloths in —

DARK GREY,  
LIGHT GREY, FAWN,

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Thursday, January 11th, 1900.

92nd Day of Siege.

### The Mafeking Mail.

THURSDAY, 11th JANUARY, 1900.

## Mafeking Garrison.

### GENERAL ORDERS.

Mafeking, 11th JANUARY, 1900.

*Court of Summary Jurisdiction.*—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet to-morrow, Friday, the 12th instant, at the Court House, at 10.15 a.m., for the examination of such prisoners as may be brought before it. President: Major Lord Edward Cecil, C.S.O. Members: C. G. H. Bell Esq., C.C. & R.M.

*Brigade Signaller.*—(a). The Brigade Signaller will remain under Major Godley as at present, for discipline, etc., that officer being kindly undertake this duty on account of the convenient position of his station.

(b). Sergeant Moffatt, late Sergeant Instructor of Signalling 3rd Dragoon Guards, is appointed to the Headquarters Staff as Brigade Sergeant Instructor of Signalling. He will receive pay at the rate of 50 pence from to-morrow inclusive while retained for this duty. Sergt. Moffatt will be attached to the Protectorate Regiment for barrack accommodation, rations and discipline, etc., and will be at the disposal of the Brigade Major for duty in connection with the Brigade Signaller.

*Dependence of Ammunition by Sharp Shooters.*—The Colonel Commanding desires to point out that there is too great an expenditure of ammunition by men on sharp shooting duty. It is not only unnecessary but unsafe to go on shooting steadily when a pig. The danger when you have got your range to lie down low and fire as fast only when you see a good object to fire at, and to wait again, no matter how long, for another good chance. The man who keeps steadily firing shows up his position, frightens the enemy so that they may give him a good target, and gives them courage when they find that, with all the firing they do not get hit, it is easier to be hit than to be hit away. A large number of cartridges which cannot be replaced and which may be badly wanted for a day.

*Death of Mrs. Poulton and warning to others.*—Mrs. Poulton was unfortunately killed by a chance bullet in her house in town yesterday. While deeply regretting the circumstance, the Colonel Commanding wishes to point out that it is against his advice that ladies and children come to live in town during the present stage of the Siege. They run great risks at all times from the enemy's bullets, as well as shell, and if greater caution is not observed than at present is the case, it is practically certain that some more casualties will occur, especially among children going along the streets.

*Requests for Work.*—As all certificates for payment for work completed have to be signed by the Town Commandant, all requests for work to be performed must be sent to that officer, and

tradesmen and others are forbidden to take orders from other sources.

By order,

E. H. CECIL, Major,

Chief Staff Officer.

## MEMORIAL TO OFFICERS, N.C.O.'S AND MEN WHO HAVE FALLEN DURING THE WAR.

A recent meeting of the Memorial Committee, which held at Dixie's Hotel, at 9.30 p.m., on Friday the 5th January, 1900.

Present: Colonel Baden-Powell, Lieut. Colonel Vyvyan, Captain Single on (for Colonel Horne), Major Poyser, Inspector Mason, and Inspector Brown. Captain Green, Treasurer, and the Hon. A. Hanbury Tracy Secretary.

1. Captain Green read the subscription to far proposed amounted to £118, but he estimated the amount would eventually reach £700.

2. Major Godley was invited to tell the Committee that they may subscribe if they feel disposed.

3. Subscriptions to be only from comrades, that is members of the garrison who have been in the defence of Mafeking, and to be collected as soon as possible and that the maximum is 10s does not apply to Town Guard who can contribute up to £2.

4. When communications are restored, specimens as to cost of Memorial to be asked from firms in England and a letter written to the O.C. 2nd Cavalry asking price and particulars of one placed by them in Egypt.

5. Cap. Governor of Railways to be asked what would be cost of carriage to Mafeking and whether they would be disposed to make a reduction in price.

6. Proposed by Colonel Baden-Powell, seconded by Lieut. Colonel Vyvyan, and carried unanimously. That the memorial should be erected upon the new Public Buildings, provided such building be completed on the site of the present Towns Court otherwise on some other suitable and conspicuous site.

7. General Order of Memorial proposed was an obelisk of granite or marble, with panels on the base giving the object of the monument and the names of the killed. Material to be such as to be made of metal derived from shells fired into Mafeking by the enemy.

8. Vote of thank to Mr. Adams for approximately estimation of cost of memorial and design for same.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

(Sgd.) H. GRENNER, Captain,  
(Sgd.) A. HANBURY TRACY, Lt.  
Hon. Secs. and Treas.

(Sgd.) R. S. S. BADEN-POWELL, Col.,  
Chairman.

## NOTICE.

ALL persons having in their possession Tinned Milk and Matches are required to state

what quantities they have, whether large or small, to Capt. Ryan at once.

All further sales of Tinned Milk and Matches are prohibited.

## POETS CORNER.

### THE SORROW OF MAFEKING

We chant a dirge, a solemn dirge,  
So mournful is our lay,  
Deepest gloom and saddest tears now urge  
A claim, for we have learned to day  
That whisky's riz.

Did we not stand the Boer's long siege,  
A quarter of the year?  
No single being of all the liege  
Subjects of Victoria, shewing fear  
Till whisky riz.

Any, any other fate we would have scorned,  
Seen Mafeking fall,  
And in Pretoria's prison wept and mourned  
War's unkind turn, but worse than all  
The whisky's riz.

Bear up, tho' before this calamity, my  
Brethren,  
All else is pale.  
Henceforth, sadly must we quaff each  
Other's  
Health, in cold tea or "Admiral's ale"  
For whisky's riz.

## News.

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Monday, January 15th, 1900.

96th Day of Siege

### The Mafeking Mail.

MONDAY, 15TH JANUARY, 1900.

#### LATEST NEWS.

The last budget to hand does not contain very much news. In the Colonel's announcement below, mention is made of the details regarding movement of troops being kept secret. Such a precaution every one will no doubt perceive the wisdom of, so far as intended movements are concerned, but we wish our friends outside would endeavour to get us through some information as to what has been done. If Lord Roberts left England December 22nd, news of his arrival ought to have reached Bulawayo to-day. So probably our next mail will contain that item. The fact of troops having left India is of course good to know but we would be glad to have word that they were upon South African soil. It is high time that "enthusiasm in England is great", we hope that rage and the determination to make good, although so late, for past neglect has now taken possession of the British public mind. The mobilisation of 100,000 troops and their transport over 6,000 or 7,000 miles of land and sea is no soft job. It is a task never before attempted in the history of the world, therefore we do not expect lightning dispatch, but the raising of a corps of 1,400 men in London after such an important post as Mafeking has been besieged three months by hordes of land lollers—it were a libel on an industrious class to call them farmers—reads like irony.

By the courtesy of the Colonel Commanding we are enabled to print the following.—

All news of movements of troops is being kept so secret now that none of it has come to us to-day except that Lord Roberts left England 22nd December, 1899. Four Battalions and three Batteries have left India for South Africa. A corps of 1,400 Volunteers is being enrolled in London for service in South Africa.

General Gatacre is holding the key of the Drakenberg mountains, and a patrol of his had a very successful encounter with the enemy.

All well with Colonel Plumer's force. The Boers opposed to him are very tired of the war, and are very short of shells for their guns.

Enthusiasm in England is great, and large numbers of additional troops can be sent if desired.

#### VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT COMPETITION.

Yesterday the Entertainment Competition was concluded. The programmes of the B.S.A.P. and the Protectorate Regiment were similar to that of last week, but the Bechuanaland Rifles having so many of their troupe occupied in the

more important work of making shells with which to entertain the enemy, were not represented. The Protectorate cut out the Sketch they gave last Sunday, and its place was filled by some five songs and a recitation by Tpr. Cooper. The Cape Police, D. 2 Team, gave a different programme from that of the 7th inst. and executed it in a manner that delighted the audience. In fact the performance was such a good one that by special request they repeated it at the Recreation Ground, driving direct from Hidden Hollow for the purpose. The Band, composed of the following—Piano and 1st Harmonica, Pte. A. W. Richards (conductor), 2nd Harmonics, Pte. McLean; Flute, Pte. Elkington; Banjo, Pte. McEwan; Mandoline, Pte. J. P. Murray; Auto-Harp, Corpl. H. M. B. Currie; Triangle, Pte. Hall; Tympanum, Pte. E. W. Coxwell, played about a dozen airs, winding up with "Auld Lang Syne" and "Rule Britannia." Mr. Richards is to be congratulated upon his successful training of, as well as the capital material composing, his band. It would be invidious to select any item where all were excellent, so we print the programme—

1. Overture by Cape Police D. 2, Khaki Band.
2. The Lance Exercise ... S. and C.P. 2.
3. Comic Song, "They're coming on again," Pte. Hampton
4. Sword Swinging, ... Pte. Hall
5. Comic Song, "The finest flow of language ever heard," Pte. Coxwell
6. The Hottenhot Dance, C. pl. Currie.

### Mafeking Garrison.

#### GENERAL ORDERS.

MAFFKING, 15TH JANUARY, 1900.

*Disposition of the Enemy's Force.*—The enemy have moved the big gun from its position on the South-eastern heights to a safer one East of the Race Course. The credit for making them evacuate their position is due to those N.C.O.'s and men who, under Inspector Marsh's orders, have occupied the advanced S.E. trenches and brought so effective a fire to bear upon the gun. To this result the good work done by the Nordenfeldts, under Low and M.J. Holland, greatly contributed, and also, particularly, the sharpshooting of the B.S.A. Police and "Bechuanaland Rifles," in the advanced positions gained by Corporal Cook. Our Artillery, under Major Panzera, had also shown them in one day's bombardment how unsafe their position was if at any time our guns chose to shell it again. The enemy have now had to leave their chosen position and take up one less advantageous to themselves, and opens up to us much ground to the South.

*Variety Contest Competition.*—This competition was adjudged by the Committee to have been won by the troupe of the Cape Police, whose performance was on all hands agreed to be a first rate one. At the same time the thanks of the community are due also to the other

troupes who, though unsuccessful in taking the prize, nevertheless afforded great entertainment by their clever performance.

*Court of Summary Jurisdiction.*—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet to-morrow, Tuesday, the 16th inst., at the Court House, at 10-15 a.m., for the examination of such prisoners as may be brought before it. President: Major Lord Edward Cecil, D.S.O.; Member: C. G. H. Bell Esq., C.C. & R.M.

*Witnesses: Court of Summary Jurisdiction.*—In case of persons being charged with an offence and brought before the Court of Summary Jurisdiction, if the prosecutor fails to appear or to take measures to secure the attendance of witnesses the case will be dismissed.

*Composite Forage.*—In future a Composite Forage Ration, viz., 10 lbs. per horse per day, will be issued on receipt of 7-day requisitions, from the A.S.C. Depot, Isaac's Store. The wool bales containing the forage on its first issue must be returned the following day to the Depot, as only a very limited number exist for bagging the ration from time to time. O.C.'s of Corps and Units are required therefore to make their own arrangements for storing the Composite Forage. All persons drawing this Composite forage in small quantities or on payment, are required to provide their own sacks.

By order,

E. H. CECIL, Major  
Chief Staff Officer.

### 100th DAY OF THE SIEGE OF MAFKING.

#### A GRAND AGRICULTURAL AND PRODUCE SHOW

Will be held by permission of the  
Colonel Commanding,

On Sunday, 21st January,  
ON THE RECREATION GROUND.

President: H. H. Major Gould-Adams,  
C.B., C.M.G.

Hon. Secretary: Captain R. G. Girdwood,  
assisted by a local Committee and Judges.

Full particulars of prizes, etc. will be published in to-morrow's issue.

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Traffic Manager.

### Meat Rations.

WITH reference to a Notice in the Mafeking Mail, dated 13th inst., re reducing the Fresh Meat Ration to  $\frac{3}{4}$  lb., it is considered desirable not to reduce the Ration at present. It will therefore still be issued in the same proportion as hitherto.

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## MAFEKING MAIL.

“ NO. 56.”

There was no number 59 issued. The cause of this omission was one of those shells. Our men had prepared the heading by altering the date and the number from 55 to 56 on the morning of Wednesday January 17th, when the arrival of a ninety-four pounder upset the type, — and their nerves. They decided then to take a few days rest; while the big gun was so active. A dug-out was in course of construction, but not ready for occupation. On the Sunday following, as Greitje is far too pious to damage a printing office on the Lords day, our compositors returned, and forgetting that the “ Mail ” had not been printed since the figures were altered, altered them again to 57. Our Editor whose duty it was to keep a watchful eye upon these details and prevent such errors, was unfortunately, suffering also at that time, from a severe attack of bombobfuscation and did not notice the mistake till some days afterwards; when it was too late to insert an explanation in one of the slips.

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Sunday January 21st. 1900

101st Day of Siege.

The Mafeking Mail.

SUNDAY JANUARY 21ST.

### LATEST NEWS.

A cable from London, dated January 20th, states that the British Government has decided to send a large force of troops to the relief of Mafeking. The force is expected to arrive within a few days. The news is a great relief to the garrison, who have been under a great deal of stress and strain since the siege began.

On the 20th inst. a large number of troops were sent to the relief of Mafeking. The force was composed of the 1st and 2nd Divisions of the British Army. They were accompanied by a large amount of ammunition and supplies. The force was expected to arrive within a few days. The news is a great relief to the garrison, who have been under a great deal of stress and strain since the siege began.

While the relief force is en route, the garrison at Mafeking has been very busy. They have been working on the fortifications and have been firing at the Boers. The Boers have been very active in their attacks on the town.

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Saturday, January 27th, 1900.

107th Day of Siege.

The Mafeking Mail.

SATURDAY, 27TH JANUARY, 1900

### LATEST NEWS.

#### NATAL COLUMN.

(Continued from last issue.)

Our camp at Colenso had been broken up about the first of November and the force retreating to Estcourt, there awaited reinforcements, which, on arrival, formed a camp at Frere. The Boers, taking possession of Colenso, commandeered what British were in that place and set them to work against us. On December 2nd, a party was sent by the Boers in Colenso to wreck the Tugela Bridge, amongst them were some commandeered Britishers, one of them managed to escape and reached Frere camp in safety. He reported that Piet Joubert, who was in charge down to Moot River, was indisposed, from which we presume fighting was imminent and that our men were in stronger force than the Boers. On Sunday, 3rd, a tremendous explosion was heard at Frere camp and clouds Colenso clouds of smoke were seen. It was supposed that the Tugela Bridge had been blown up. From Colenso came the Boers' report that the bridge had been completely ruined and that it would be a very big work to restore it, but here "the wish was father to the thought," for next day the outlook at Frere camp reported that the bridge was still unharmed. The line was reconnoitred to within two miles of Colenso, and the railway found to be practically available from South up to the Tugela Bridge. On Friday, the 8th December, another sortie was made between one and two a.m. from Ladysmith. Of this we gave the Pretoria account, which would certainly not be on the side favourable to us in our issue of last Sunday, and that acknowledged a loss of four guns. Sir G. White reported that Lieutenant Colonel Macalfe, the 2nd Battalion Rifle Brigade, and five hundred men, made a sortie, drove the enemy away from Surprise Hill, and Ditch Jones R.E., destroyed their 17 Howitzer by gun cotton. The retirement of our party was barred, but the bayonet cleared the way for them. We lost 1st Lieut Ferguson and 10 men, while Captain Paley, Lieutenants Davenport and Bond and 10 men were killed. Six of our men were taken prisoners. Strange to say the *Standard and Diggers News* does not, as usual, claim a victory but say that two of their "Generals" are to be court-martialled for losing a big French gun, a Howitzer and two Maxim's. On Tuesday, 12th December, the "Union Brigade," which we believe is made up from various regiments of Fusiliers, under General Barton, proceeded from Frere camp and occupied, without opposition, a very strong position three miles from Colenso. Captain Jones, of H.M.S. Eorte, was in charge of a number of guns on the hill. By December 13th we had trains running between Frere camp and Chieveley, telegraphic communication had already been established a week or so earlier. At 7 o'clock on Wednesday morning, December 13th, General Barton

commenced our innings by shelling the Boers in Colenso with thirty big guns for two hours; the enemy did not reply. What came next we must tell when later information comes to hand. The last received is that a lot of our troops were sent forward during Wednesday, and on Thursday to join the others outside Colenso and that our scouts saw the Tugela Road girder bridge still intact. Information also came to hand published by Colonel Baden-Powell that General Buller was still South of Tugela, a big engagement was expected shortly and that the Boers had attacked Ladysmith on the 6th of January and were repulsed with heavy loss.

#### FOOTBALL.

C.P.D. H. sighs, Alexanderly, for more worlds to conquer and has thrown down the gauntlet to the whole Garrison. The challenge was promptly accepted and the teams will meet to-morrow. From the list it will be seen that the Garrison has a good team, and if they work together spectators may rely on seeing some good play. As Mr. Bell said at the closing game last season, when the Cup was handed over to the C.P. by the Mayoress, Mrs. Whiteley, "We do not want to see the same men win always even though they deserve it," therefore we now look to the Garrison team to pull the laurels from the brow of their opponents.

### Mafeking Garrison.

#### GENERAL ORDERS

By Colonel R. S. Baden-Powell, Commanding Frontier Force.

MAFEKING, 27TH JANUARY, 1900.

The Colonel Commanding wishes to express his hearty appreciation of the energy and resource displayed by Sergeant Moffat, assisted by Trooper Adams, in reading the enemy's signals under shell fire this morning, when the latter were shelling the Women's Laager.

*Native Questions*—All questions affecting the Native population of Mafeking must be referred to Mr. Bell, C.C. & R.M., and all correspondence with the Native Chiefs should pass through him.

By order.

E. H. GECHE, Major,  
Chief Staff Officer

#### FOOTBALL

By permission of the Colonel Commanding,  
JANUARY 28TH, 1900,

Recreation Ground, at 4.15.

The Cape Police have challenged the Garrison, the following are playing for them:

Goal. Pte. McEwan; Backs Corporal Gash, Pte. Cooke, *Half Backs* Corporal Gracie, Pte. Faulkner, Pte. Dyer; *Forwards* Pte. Hazelrigg, Pte. Bray, Sergt. Jenkins, Corpl. Ashton, Pte. Steele.

The Garrison must defend themselves v. the Cape Police, and the following have undertaken to do so:

Goal. Lieut. Daniel, Backs Mr. Peart, Corpl. Newton, B.S.A.P. *Half Backs*

Tpr. Taylor, Prot. Regiment, Sergt. Major Bunbury, B.S.A.P., Mr. Waite, Railway, *Forwards* Sergt. Lowe, Prot. Regt., Tpr. Moore, Prot. Regt., Sergt. Major Merry, B.S.A.P., Tpr. Ireland, Prot. Regt., B. Sqdn. Tpr. Garland B.S.A.P.

Note—The C.P. have already taken some of our prizes, we must not let them get all.

#### By Order of the COLONEL COMMANDING.

Will be sold by Auction on  
Sunday, 28th January, 1900,  
At 10 a.m.,

On Market Square, a certain  
**Chestnut Mare,**  
with Yearling Foal,  
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C. WENHAM,  
Poundmaster.

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No. 61

Monday, January 29th. 1900.

108th Day of Siege.

### The Mafeking Mail.

MONDAY, 29th JANUARY, 1900

#### HER MAJESTY'S MESSAGE.

The Colonel Commanding has much pleasure in making known to the Garrison the following message from Kimberley to-day.

Her Majesty the Queen to all troops in South Africa, including Kimberley and Ladysmith, and if possible, Mafeking. Message begins—

"Wish you all a bright and happy New Year. God bless you —V.R.I."

#### Mafeking Garrison.

##### GENERAL ORDERS

By Colonel R. S. S. Bull, P.M.C., Commanding Garrison Force.

MAFEKING 29th JANUARY, 1900

Another Native having been found guilty of spying was executed on Thursday.

The Colonel Commanding desires to warn those people who have lately been carrying on, or attempting to carry on, communication with the enemy that, whether they do so directly or indirectly, they will be liable in any future case to suffer death or conviction by Court of Summary Jurisdiction. This applies to women as well to men.

Owing to their having continued to correspond with the enemy, the Dutch suspects who have been treated with the greatest indulgence in jail and allowed a certain amount of liberty, will now be kept as prisoners in a place close to the Women's Lager, so that if the enemy should that quarter again they will do so at the risk of killing their friends. The Colonel Commanding has unwillingly been compelled to resort to these measures through the underhand action of the enemy in shelling the Women's Lager and Convent, etc., when they might have taken the more manly course of attacking our defence works.

#### LATEST NEWS.

On January 1st Colonel Pilcher, with guns and Queen Land Mounted Infantry, captured a laager of the rebel Colonial Boers at Sunnyside, 18 miles east of Douglas. He captured forty prisoners. Many others were killed and wounded. Our loss 3 killed. Colonel Pilcher now occupies Douglas.

Information received through private channels says we shall soon have 150,000 more men in S.A. The news received here some time ago that Colonel Wingate had settled the Khafra is confirmed and the Sudan is now open, all those officers will be coming over here post haste. We pity the enemy when they and all our guns arrive. God grant our men may

one day get the Boers in the open. From Modder River it is reported the Boers cannot shoot a hit, our men laugh at them. The Transvaal Boers play every dirty trick imaginable, shoot from the ambulance and continually abuse the white flag but the Free Staters behave like real gentlemen. The Boers took prisoner Hercule Groll who went out with a flag of truce. All England is enthusiastically glorying in Mafeking's heroic defence against these hogs of Boers. Through Christmas news has been received of a big Boer defeat in Natal. As we had information that General Buller was to relieve Ladysmith forthwith we may conclude that is what it referred to. Down South the betting is 20 to 1 that the war will be over by the end of February.

#### LADYSMITH.

##### Outside.

The British held the Boer position on the afternoon of Saturday, January 6th, beginning at 3 o'clock. The Natal and Infantry Brigades, with all available Cavalry, and the Natal Carbineers, advanced scouting towards Colenso. Major Williams, at the advanced outposts, reported that no Boers had been seen since 5 a.m. The Natal Brigade then advanced in skirmishing order, the Welsh Fusiliers being on the right, 13th Hussars and Thorneycrofts Mounted Infantry deployed on extreme right; the English Brigade marched forward to the left of the line. The Devons right flank rested on the railway and the East Surreys were on the left. The S.A. Horse and the Carbineers supported the Battery of Artillery. The 47 Naval guns opened on the Boer trenches and fired till dark. The Field Artillery (6th and 66th Batteries) shrapnelled the enemy's trenches between Colenso Bridge and Hlangani Hill. Similar attention was next given on the left. The enemy not replying, the O.C. Artillery advanced a half Brigade to a nearer position. The fire was directed between Colenso and Grobelaars Kloof. Hundreds of the Boers' horses stampeded, many were killed, but the only fire drawn was at the Carbineer scouts.

##### Inside.

On Saturday, January 6th, General Joubert made a determined assault at two points. General White drove the Boers back five times, finally the Devons bayoneted them in their trenches. The enemy's loss was fearful and our victory was complete. The official account says: The attack was chiefly against Centur's Camp and the Wagon Hill. Some of our entrenched posts at the last named were carried by the enemy and re-taken by us three times. One point of our position was occupied by the enemy all day, but at dusk in a heavy rain storm they were turned out of the position at the point of the bayonet by the Devons, led by Colonel Park. Colonel Ian Hamilton commanded on the Wagon Hill.

#### The Absent-minded Beggar.

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This poem was written by Rudyard Kipling for the war, and is being sold at a shilling a copy by the "Daily Mail."

It is set to music by Sir Arthur Sullivan and is sung and recited at every concert, music hall and theatre in the British Isles. Hundreds of shillings are made every time it is heard, and by these performances, and sales of it, several hundred thousand shillings have been raised for the "Wives and Families" Fund.

It was published in the "Graphic" surrounded by photographs of a "Tommy Atkins," a "Jack Tar," Prince Christian Victor of Schleswig-Holstein, who is serving with his regiment in Natal, as "son of a hundred kings," Lord Cecil as "son of a Belted Earl" and Lord Charles Bentinck as the "Duke's Son."

When you've shouted "Rule Britannia," when you've sung "God save the Queen"—

When you've finished killing Kruger with your mouth, Will you kindly drop a shilling in my little tambourine For a gentleman in khaki ordered South?

He's an absent-minded beggar and his weaknesses are great, But we and Paul must take him as we find him—

He is out on active service, wiping something off a slate, And he's left a lot o' little things behind him!

Duke's son—Cook's son—son of a hundred kings—

(Fifty thousand horse and foot going to Table Bay!) Each of 'em doing his country's work (and who's to look after their things?)

Pass the hat for your credit's sake and pay! pay! pay!

There are girls he married secret, asking no permission to, For he knew he wouldn't get it if he did—

There is gas and coals and wittles and the house-rent falling due,

And it's more than rather likely there's a kid—

There are girls he walked with casual, they'll be sorry now he's gone,

But it ain't the time for sermons with the winter coming on— We must help the girl that Tommy's left behind!

Cook's son—Duke's son—son of a Belted Earl—

Son of a Lambeth publican, it's all the same to-day! Each of 'em doing his country's work (and who's to look after the girl?)

Pass the hat for your credit's sake, and pay! pay! pay!

There are families by thousands, far too proud to beg or speak—

And they'll put their sticks and bedding up the spout, And they'll live on half o' nothing paid 'em punctual once a week,

'Cause the mau that earned the wage is ordered out—

He's an absent-minded beggar, but he heard his country's call,

And his Regiment didn't need to send and find him. He chucked his job and joined it—so the job before us all Is to help the home that Tommy's left behind him!

Duke's job—Cook's job—gardener, baronet, groom.

Maws or palace, or paper-shop, there's some one gone away!

Each of 'em doing his country's work (and who's to look after the room?)

Pass the hat for your credit's sake, and pay! pay! pay!

Let us manage so as later we can look him in the face,

And tell him what he'd very much prefer—

That, while he saved the Empire his employer saved his place

And his mates (that's you and me) look out for Her—

He's an absent-minded beggar, and he may forget it all,

But we do not want his kiddies to remind him, That we sent 'em to the workhouse while their Daddy hampered Paul.

So we'll help the homes our Tommy's left behind him!

Cook's home—Duke's home—Home of a millionaire—

(Fifty thousand horse and foot going to Table Bay!) Each of 'em doing his country's work (and what have you got to spare?)

Pass the hat for your credit's sake, and pay! pay! pay!

RUDYARD KIPLING.



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Tuesday, January 30th. 1900.

## 110th Day of Siege.

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TUESDAY, 30th JANUARY, 1900.

## LATEST NEWS.

**KIMBERLEY.**

The garrison of Kitcherley, during the latter days of November succeeded in opening up signalling communication with Lord Mahon.

On January 5th Lord Methuen reported at 7-30 this morning that the enemy fired

two segment holes on our fort at right, hitting the parapet but touching no one. One of our 4.7 Naval guns put six shots into their gun position and silenced it. It is reported that we did considerable damage. Jacobdill being now filled with wounded. The enemy is stated to be removing their guns.

A discovery of incriminating documents has been made at Douglas and Sunnyside, affecting not only the rebels of the district but disclose the names of many in the Colony who have given offers of support to the Colony.

At Orange River the hospitals are almost empty, the serious cases have been transferred to Wynberg. About £200 worth of Red Cross comforts have been received from the people of Cradock.

General French has been successful in all his encounters with the Boers. He is now moving Transvaal-wards from a point North of Colesburg.

**COLESBERG.**

General French, who left Ladysmith after the battle of Elands-laagte, took command of the Cavalry in Cap Colony, advanced on Naauwpoort with a force consisting of the 11th Hussar, 6th Dragoon Guard, four regiments of Dragoons, New Zealand Contingent, N. W. South Wales Contingent, some Mounted Infantry, and some Field Artillery, succeeded in driving the Boers from Naauwpoort and Arundel and established a camp there. The Boers were in great force in a position North of Arundel and had destroyed the line. On December 11th General French attacked them and drove them out of Taiboschburg and Reebing, and by the beginning of the New Year had succeeded in surrounding Colesburg, while some of his forces were actually occupying Norval's Post on the frontier of the Orange Free State with Orange River.

On Saturday, January 6th, the Suffolk were marched at midnight to the top of a hill by Colonel Watson. He assembled the officers at daylight and was addressing the men when the enemy fired a volley at thirty paces, killing the Colonel, the Adjutant, and two other officers. The Suffolk were scarcely able to fire a shot. They tried to retire the packet, which was 1,000 yards away, but the Boer's had crept behind and entirely surrounded them. Our loss was 23 killed, 107 missing and 20 wounded. On Sunday the 7th we shelled the flower-lagers and stopped their progress on the Wagon Road. A reconnaissance was made on Monday, December 8th, and the enemy discovered in force at Acherag, with two guns.

**NORTH.**

While the fighting was going on, (on October 11th), the Boers tied to a gun carriage one of our railway sub-gangers 1<sup>st</sup> Price, of 174 Cottage (who fell into their hands a prisoner on Friday, the 13th October). Another sub-ganger, Carver, is said to have taken a gun and fought for the Boers. Murphy, also taken prisoner, was asked to do the same, but refused.

The railway North is repaired as far as the bridge over the Melsmasane River. The Boers blew up both abutments of that bridge with dynamite, and a week ago the Boer were laughing on the Nok between Rainsutsa and Crocodile Pools. They had a nine-pound Krupp, which we strongly suspect was an acquaintance of our, she had been away for a trip, and according to accounts, came back to Mafeking last night.

Early in November the Boers shot one of our Basuto Policemen and placed his body across the rails, this side of Gaheronos.

We regret to record the death of Mr. James A. McMullen, the owner of the farm near which the Boers blew gun it placed. He has been under the doctor's hands for some little while and occasionally complained of a pain. To-day, after mid-day meal, he mentioned it again; a few minutes afterwards he was no more. His age is 38, he leaves a wife and five children. He was a member of the local Masonic Lodge and greatly respected.

## FOOTBALL.

GARRISON v. CAPE POLICE.

The friendly encounter yesterday, (the Rev. Mr. Pearl informs us) it was not a challenge thrown out by the C.P. but their response to his suggestion for a game) resulted in a win for the Garrison of four goals to nil. Some of the C.P. cracks were indisposed, which no doubt weakened their play, but there is no fault to be found with the general character of the game, for it was excellent on both sides. In the first half the play was pretty even, the C.P. seeming to have an advantage as they kept the ball in the Garrison territory for a considerable time, Daniel being called upon more than once to "fix out." No score was registered when half time came, but in the second portion of the game there was quite a change, the Garrison having it pretty well their own way in spite of a plucky resistance. It would be invidious to criticise individual play as both sides worked so well to uphold the honour of their respective teams. Mr. Bullock officiated as referee to the satisfaction of all.

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Wednesday, January 31st, 1900

111th Day of Siege.

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WEDNESDAY 31ST JANUARY, 1900.

#### CARE OF THE CASH.

During the past three or four weeks several members of the garrison have asked us to receive money for safe keeping, the owners having no more secure receptacle for surplus coin than a pocket. This shows the need of some provision akin to either a Savings Bank or a "Safe Deposit," and we are glad to learn that Capt. Greener, the Chief Paymaster, in conjunction with Mr. Lry, the Manager of the Standard Bank, is making with a view to opening a Garrison Deposit Bank to enable those persons who have no banking, or other, convenience for safe guarding their money, to deposit small sums till after the Siege. We think this likely to prove a boon to many, as the deposit will no doubt be guaranteed by the Imperial Government against everything, even Boers.

#### LATEST NEWS.

The following information, through reliable Natives from the Boer Camp, is published, as being of general interest.

Snyman has sent to Wessels offering him to come over to him and be his friend. Wessels says he will think it over.

The report in the laager is that on the Natal side the Boers have been crushed and do not know what to do. At Kimberley they have been driven away from Modder River and have taken up a position on the Vaal River, but the English don't seem to take any notice of them there. They don't like the approach of our forces from the North, "they always talk of it with a sigh." They have sent away some men to reinforce those at Crocodile Pools, but can spare no more.

Snyman was much perplexed by getting a letter from Mafeking accusing him of arming natives against the British, as this letter arrived on the very day on which he did it, and he did not see how the English learned it so quickly.

The Boers are very upset at the death of their best shot, who was killed at the Brickfields the day before yesterday, the bullet went through his head and out at the back of his neck.

During the time the big gun was on the South-east height six of its gunners were killed.

Majesty's gracious message is published for general information.

"Garrison Mafeking highly encouraged by Her Majesty's gracious message of 1st, and are bent on helping to their utmost in maintenance of Her supremacy South Africa."

The Colonel Commanding congratulates the gun detachment of the "Lord Nelson," on having compelled the enemy's laager to evacuate their position at the Waterworks.

In view of the long pause in the progress of operations by the main forces in the South, the Colonel Commanding, as a precaution, is compelled to make some small reductions in the scale of daily rations. He feels sure that this will be taken in good part by the garrison, as they fully understand the necessity for the strictest economy in the matter of food. Directly the present tension is relieved and we know that the general advance has begun we shall revert to our full ration again. The main reduction will be one quarter of a lb. bread daily, but compensation in the shape of Oatmeal or other vegetable will, as far as possible, be substituted. In the meantime, by adopting the new scale, it will ensure our going on without any real hardship for another two or three months, if necessary, and saves us from the possibility of having to give up from want of food, after having successfully withstood all the efforts of the enemy against us.

**Field General Court Martial.**—A Field General Court Martial, composed as under, will assemble on Thursday next, at such place and time as the President may appoint, for the trial of the prisoner named in the margin, and such other prisoners as may be brought before it.

\* No. 127, Trooper Harrell, "Boobuan Land Rifles."

**PRESIDENT.** Captain Marsh, Protectorate Regiment.

**MEMBERS.** A Subaltern, Protectorate Regiment, a Subaltern, Bechuanaland Rifles.

The prisoner will be warned and all witnesses directed to attend. Proceedings to be forwarded to the Chief Staff Officer.

**Establishment of Depot and General Transport.**—It is notified that the above having been established, the Transport Depot is under the Army Service Corps General Transport under the Brigade Transport Officer.

**Horse Grazing.**—When horses are being grazed in mobs they must be carefully knee-halted to prevent stampede.

**Suspect Prisoners.**—With reference to General Order No. 1, of the 27th, it is notified that suspect prisoners will be confined in the vicinity of the Hospital daily as well as at the Women's Laager.

MAFEKING, 31ST JANUARY, 1900.

**Court of Summary Jurisdiction.**—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet to-morrow, Thursday, the 1st February at the Court House, at 10.15 a.m., for the examination of such prisoners as may be brought before it. President Major Gould-Adams, C.B., C.M.G. Member Lieut.-Colonel C. O. Hore.

**Rations.**—The Ration of Forage will be reduced to 6 lb. from 1st February. Steps should be taken to graze horses when opportunities offer.

**Bread.** The three-quarter lb. Bread Ration as at present issued, will be reduced to half a lb. from 1st February.

**Oatmeal.**—Two ozs. Oatmeal per man, to white men only, will be issued on alternate days, in addition to the half lb. daily ration of bread. Oatmeal should be issued for infants in the same manner.

**Tea.**—The quantity of Tea to be issued will be reduced to one penny in price of half an oz., the Col. Ration being increased to half an oz. from one-third oz.

By order,  
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Chief Staff Officer.

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The following copy of a telegram sent by the Colonel Commanding in reply to Her

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THURSDAY, 1ST FEBRUARY, 1900

Another conchological specimen arrived in the "Mail" office last night. Unlike the first one, it came to stay, four pieces of it tried type-setting with great success. Compositors should vote for these visitations as it will employ one of that fraternity a solid nine months to re-set the "standing forms" which no longer stand. We had no news from the outer world to give, so the occurrence has not prevented the publication of any important intelligence.

### Mafeking Garrison.

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By Colonel R. S. S. Baden-Powell, Commanding Frontier Force.

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*Foot.*—As there appears to be a certain amount of misapprehension on the subject of Foot, the Colonel Commanding publishes the following for general information—

(a). When animals stray into our ground from the enemy they become the property of the Government, and it is the duty of all who are serving the Government to assist in securing them. It is a matter for consideration afterwards whether special circumstances give cause for rewarding the captors.

(b). If Cattle, etc., stray from our lines towards the enemy, and a man rounds them up and brings them back, he is entitled to a reward, which will be paid by the owners of the cattle under orders of the Chief Staff Officer.

(c). When men go out—with special permission—to capture the enemy's cattle, etc., at a distance, at their own risk, the loot becomes their own property, except that the Government have a claim to one quarter.

*NOTE.*—Those in possession of copies of standing Orders will amend them as above.

MAFEKING, 1ST FEBRUARY, 1900.

*Intimation for Losses.*—A Board of Officers will assemble on Sunday next, the 4th instant, at 9.30 a.m., at the Headquarters Office, to enquire into and report on losses sustained by officers in action or by the exigencies of the service.

The Board will be guided by Allowance Regulations, Sec. 10. Officers not possessing a copy of the regulation can see them any time on application to the Chief Clerk, Headquarters Office.

The Board will consist of the following officers:—

*PRESIDENT:* Captain Singleton, Protectorate Regiment.

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*Pay Lists.*—All Corps paid by the Paymaster General will, in future, furnish their lists weekly, made up to Friday night, in such time as to reach the Chief Paymaster before noon on Saturday.

*Assessment Committee.* There will be no meeting of the above Committee on Sunday next, the 4th inst.

By order,

E. H. CECIL, Major,  
Chief Staff Officer.

### List of Prize Winners

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*Class 2—Pair of Draught Oxen*

Rising, A. C., 1st

Johannes Sillow, 2nd

*Class 3—Milk Cows, European breed*

Mrs. E. Musson, 1st

W. Brown, 2nd

*Class 6—Sheep*

Mrs. O'Neill, 1st

Mrs. Musson, Special Prize

*Class 8—Donkeys, Stallion or Gelding*

W. Cook, 1st

*Class 9—Donkeys, Mare*

Franz Plessis, 1st

*Class 10—Fowls, pen of 1 cock and 2*

bens, any breed

Mrs. Hard, 1st

*Class 11—Muscovy Ducks*

A. C. Ring, 1st

*Class 12—Ducks, other varieties*

J. McMullin, 1st

*Class 14—Vegetables, best dish of assorted*

Winkie & Co., 1st

D. Webster, 2nd

Mrs. E. Musson, 3rd

*Class 15—Fruit, best dish, single or*

assorted

C. Lucas, 1st

Winkie & Co., 2nd

*Class 16—Flowers, growing*

Mrs. Hayes, highly commended

*Class 17—Flowers, cut*

Mrs. E. Musson, 1st

W. H. Walmisley, 2nd

Mrs. Girdwood, 3rd

*Class 18—Flower Decorations for table*

Mrs. Girdwood, 1st

Mr. Martin, 2nd

*Class 19—Crewel and Drawn Thread*

Work

J. Culvert, Extra Prize

Miss Campbell, 1st

Mrs. Bland, 2nd

Mrs. Hayes and Mrs. Gemmell, 3rd

*Young, born during Siege.*

*Class 20—Mare and Foal*

S. Minchin, 1st

A Squadron Mare, 3005, 2nd

*Class 21—Cow and Calf*

J. S. McMullin, 1st

Snodgrass Bros., 2nd

E. W. Hand, Extra Prize

*Class 22—Donkey and Foal*

Franz Plessis, 1st

*Class 23—Bitch and Puppies*

Captain Girdwood, 1st

Riesle, G., 2nd

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Tuesday, February 6th. 1900.

117th Day of Siege.

### The Mafeking Mail

TUESDAY, 6th FEBRUARY, 1900.

#### LATEST NEWS.

Although runners arrived this morning with a batch of correspondence the news they brought was but a modicum. The one item we so much desire and with which we would have been thoroughly satisfied, even though not another word had come to hand, is the relief of Ladysmith. This is now the crux of the position, and the news of its being accomplished has not arrived. Ladysmith, in spite of the extraordinary endeavours during September and three weeks of October to pour goods in the place, could not have been well enough provided with foodstuffs to supply, comfortably, its large garrison for three months. It has now been cut off for fifteen weeks and the condition of the people it is to be feared must be desperate. In the matter of supply we were exceptionally fortunate, large stores having accumulated in the hands of the Railway Department through the difficulty merchants experienced working under the new Customs Bill. But Ladysmith had no chance of being blockaded up with goods en route for the North. In fact there had already been great trouble in carrying the normal supplies on account of the large quantity of rolling stock retained by the rebel state and its co-compagnies, the Free State. Even if we take the lesser number, six thousand, which we believe to be more correct than ten thousand as representing the troops shut in Ladysmith, there already must have been great difficulty in feeding such a garrison, and by the end of January its relief doubtless became a matter of urgent necessity. Ten days being the shortest time possible to get news here from Natal, except through native rumour, it is possible, in fact we trust it is so, that Ladysmith was relieved last week. Our last information was that General Buller began shelling the Boers on the North of the Upper Tugela on January 15th. Unless, therefore, he accomplished the task in six days, a feat he could not expect to perform, the news could not have reached us yet a few days may bring us the welcome tidings. Much as we should like to see the Siege of Mafeking raised from a more important view, the success of the whole campaign, we certainly are more anxious to hear that Ladysmith and its troops are free. From one particular circumstance we may gather great hope. On comparison of dates we shall find that the sudden and vicious activity displayed by the Boers' artillery here on at one or two periods has synchronised with a success for the British whether on the South, West or East. They, of course, are in complete communication with the whole country and get news from the other side of the Transvaal of events directly they happen and last week's spiteful outburst was without doubt caused by some defeat suffered by them elsewhere. We give the official resume of news as published by the Intelligence Department."

The news received through Boer sources, at first sight look very unpromising, namely

that General Buller's force met with another check in endeavouring to relieve Ladysmith on 24th January. But it does not appear as though General Buller's main force was engaged at all, and the Boers' version cannot be accepted as altogether truthful and without exaggeration in their favour.

They allow to a drawn engagement with General French near Colesberg, which shows we are getting on well there.

No mention is made of Lord Methuen's column, which by this time is being largely augmented, and will probably make its move on to Kimberley within the next 10 days.

It is on the moves of this and General French's column that our welfare much depends and there is every reason to expect that, with the large reinforcements which must by this time have arrived, the situation will very soon greatly improve.

Runners arrived this morning, but no news from the South. Colonel Plummer is advancing slowly, and had an artillery duel on 31st January, neither side doing much damage.

Amongst the private letters brought in yesterday morning the following lithographed communication is exceedingly interesting:—

"Telegraphic Address: Almost, London. Mr. Jackson lends money in large amounts from £100 upon note of hand, but no transactions are entertained for gentlemen under age.—Duke Street, St. James, S.W."

#### THE GARRISON BANK.

We are glad to learn that the opening of this aid to thrift has been very successful, proving that it has met a decided want. As previously announced the Bank will be open daily from 10 till 11 a.m. and also on Sundays from 9.30 till 12. From a notice in another column it will be seen that the Standard Bank will be open for the receipt of deposits every day from 9.30 a.m. till 12 noon. The business will be transacted in a commodious "dog-out" constructed at the side of the Bank building, probably the first and only banking arrangement of the kind attempted. The undertaking speaks well for the energy of its inception.

#### The Standard Bank.

The Standard Bank will be open daily to receive deposits from 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon from this date.

#### Mafeking Garrison.

##### GENERAL ORDERS

By Colonel R. S. S. Buller, P.O. Commanding Garrison Force.

MAFEKING, 5th FEBRUARY 1900

The Colonel Commanding wishes to express his appreciation of the coolness and steadiness with which Lieutenant Daniel and the men of No. 2 7-pounder gun fought their gun on Saturday last. They were exposed to an accurate fire for over an hour from the enemy's 94 pounder, the

high velocity Krupp, and the 1-pounder Maxim, the 94-pounder firing twenty-three shells all in very close proximity to our gun emplacement, which was continually being struck by splinters—fortunately without casualty among the men.

**Appointments (Correction).—**With reference to General Order No. 1 (b) of the 3rd February, 1900, the words "Town Commandant, Mafeking," should be substituted after "appointed" for those appearing in the original order.

**Appointment Headquarters Staff.—**Maj. F. W. Panzera will in future, be styled D.A.A.G. (A) instead of Brigade Major. This is merely a change of title and will not effect the duties, which will be the same as before.

**Court of Summary Jurisdiction.—**The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet to-morrow, Tuesday, the 6th instant, at the Court House, at 10.15 a.m., for the examination of such prisoners as may be brought before it. President: Major Lord Edward Cecil, D. S. O.; Member: C. G. H. Bell, Esq., C.C. & R.M.

**Passes.—**From the 7th inst. inclusive all employers of Native labour will be required to take out a Pass for each Native employed by them. The Passes can be obtained between the hours of 10.30 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the Resident Magistrate's office, and that official will keep a register of all those issued. Passes will be shown when required by military or civil authorities and any Native found in the town without a Pass will be liable to be punished by the Court of Summary Jurisdiction.

**Promotion, Cape Police, D. 2.—**Corpl. H. M. P. Currie to be Sergeant, pending confirmation by the proper authorities, in recognition of his good services while in command of "Currie's Post."

**Correspondence.—**With a view of preventing all unnecessary correspondence, the Colonel Commanding wishes that only matters of which it is necessary to keep a record should be the subject of official correspondence. All matters should be settled, as far as possible, by personal interview, telephone, or short unofficial notes.

**Deceased Persons' Administration of Estate.—**In all cases of deceased persons the death is to be at once reported to Mr. Grayson, at the Resident Magistrate's office, who will issue instructions as to the disposal of the estate, effects, etc., of the deceased.

By order,  
E. H. CECIL, Major,  
Chief Staff Officer.

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# THE MAFEKING MAIL

## SPECIAL SIEGE SLIP.

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No. 67

Wednesday, February 7th. 1900.

118th Day of Siege.

### The Mafeking Mail.

WEDNESDAY, 7th FEBRUARY, 1900.

#### LATEST NEWS.

We have been favoured with a sight of a portion of the *Standard and Diggers* of January 20th, and most interesting reading we found it. Not only interesting but a deal of comfort is to be extracted, for, reading between the lines, it is easy to discern that fear of the ultimate consequences of the Pretorian folly is pressing heavily on the writer, or prompter, of the leading article. No trace now of the vulgar brag and bombast so offensively prominent early in November, when it was airily explained why Mafeking had not already been taken, and the credulous readers of the inspired Kruger organ were assured that the fall of Ladysmith and this town was but a matter of hours. No mention of the probable capture of either place is now to be found in its pages. On the contrary a distinctly whining tone is noticeable. Such phrases as the following speak for for themselves:

"The task of the patriot grows heavy and always heavier as the enemy concentrates, etc."

"For confronting the Boer at this moment are a mighty army and many Generals, and the points of attack—the latest is at Helmpaakar—grow daily more numerous, requiring greater vigilance on the part of the Republicans, and all the pluck, strategy and persistence they can muster."

"Whenever a likely point of entry presents itself, the enemy is there trying to break through and the hands of the Boers are weighted with a vast undertaking."

These points it would have been better for those amongst the late Transvaal leaders whose hands were clean and intentions honest, to have given more thought and consideration before they, in their ignorant stupidity, joined in plunging South Africa into a bloody war, and themselves become the dupes of the designing scoundrels who manipulated the affairs of their country. The Boer leaders, good and bad, must now share alike the obloquy, the ignominy, and the execration of their fellow countrymen who, when beaten, will have their eyes opened to the villainy which entrapped them.

#### THE EFFECT OF OUR BOMBS.

The special correspondent of the *Digger*—*Amant* at Colenso wrote on Sunday, 7th, *inter alia*:—"The bombardment of our positions is going on apace. Indeed the enemy is never happy unless he has his daily shrapnel at us. For every bomb he throws he strikes five Boers off our fighting strength, it used to be twenty-five."

In spite of various statements as to the few casualties amongst the Boer forces, plentifully sprinkled throughout the whole of the paper, it is evident that their Ambulance Corps are utterly overwhelmed and quite unable to meet the demand upon their resources, and the condition of the enemy's wounded must be dreadful. One lady, writing most pitifully for assistance, states that although the

doctors say (presumably in their official reports) "they cannot any longer hear the lamentations of the wounded, her hands are tied, having nothing to distribute, being so short of everything." Further on: "the agony of the battlefield is indescribable. It is heartrending to hear one wounded calling for water, a second for food, and a third highly delirious, then another wishing for death as a happy deliverance."

In response to this appeal one lady has sent some cigars and another, five jars of pickles.

### Mafeking Garrison.

#### GENERAL ORDERS

By Colonel R. S. S. Baden-Powell, Commanding Frontier Force.

MAFEKING, 6TH FEBRUARY, 1900.

*Hospital Board*—A Board composed of the following members has been appointed for administering all affairs connected with the Hospital at Mafeking:

MEMBERS: The Town Commandant.  
The C.S. & R.M.  
The C.S.O.  
G. Riesle, Esq.

SECRETARY: Mr R. Algie.

Time and place of meetings will be notified by the Town Commandant.

*Town Police*—The Mafeking Town Police being placed under the Town Commandant, the Town Constable will report himself to that officer for orders.

*Prisoners*—Corporal S. Sharn, to be Sergeant, subject to confirmation by the proper authority, in recognition of his services in command of the Stadt Native Contingent, and of his energy and skill in constructing advanced works for their occupation.

*Hand Bells*—All persons in possession of private hand bells are requested to send them on loan addressed to the "Town Commandant, care of Headquarter office" for use in the Town Defence.

*Bugles, etc.*—Under no pretext whatever is any bugle or trumpet to be sounded within the defensive area of Mafeking, except the "alarm" in case of sudden emergencies, and the 1 o'clock time bugle.

*Warning Bell*—In future the only bell which will sound when the big gun loads will be the big one at the Bank look-out. All bells will repeat the signal for direction. Only the small hand bells will be rung when the enemy's guns fire; these hand bells will take up the signal from station to station, or will ring independently on observing smoke or flash of gun fire by day or night.

*Court of Summary Jurisdiction*—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet on Thursday, the 8th February, at the Court House, at 10-15 a.m. for the examination of such prisoners as may be brought before it. President, H. H. Major Gould-Adams, C.B., C.M.G. Member, Lieut.-Colonel C. O. Hore.

By order  
E. H. CECIL, Major,  
Chief Staff Officer.

#### NOTICE.

THE following ladies have been so kind as to make and to present flags, to

be flown by those forts and detachments which have gained successes over the enemy:—

Lady Sarah Wilson, Mrs. Adams, Miss Dall, Mrs. Gemmell, Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Riesle, and Miss Wyatt.

The flags will be distributed as follows:

1. Artillery—For shelling enemy's battery, 3rd January, and 3rd February, and various actions.

2. Armoured Train—For actions 13th and 14th October.

3. Bechuanaland Rifles—For driving enemy out of his N.E. entrenchment.

4. Cannon Kopje, B.S.A.P.—For repelling enemy's attack, 21st October.

5. Currie's Post—For checking enemy's attempts to gain ground in the Brickfields.

6. "D" Squadron, Prot. Regiment—For taking enemy's trench, 27th October, and gallantry in action 14th October and 26th December.

7. Limestone Fort, 7-pounder—For driving enemy out of forts "Cronje" and "Beacons."

8. Nordenfolt—For driving big gun off S.E. heights and other good work.

These flags should be hoisted on Sundays but not on weekdays as they give a good ranging mark for enemy's guns.

#### ASSESSMENT OF PROPERTY.

List of names of owners whose property will be assessed on Sunday next, 11th February.—

Erf 92	H. H. Bradley
" 68	T. H. Park
" 67	D. Bollews
" 111	F. Firth
" 99	C. Early & Co.
" 100	Early Bros.
Erven 100 to 103	C. Early & Co.
Erf 60	A. Dall
" 63	I. Amod
" 64	C. Williams
	D. Webster

#### Notice re Extras.

It is pointed out for general information that requisitions for extras cannot in future be signed during the week. If circumstances permit certain shops will be opened each Sunday for the sale of such stocks as they have in hand.

#### A GRAND SIEGE CONCERT

UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF  
Colonel R. S. S. Baden-Powell and Officers  
of the Garrison,

WILL BE GIVEN AT THE

#### MASONIC HALL

On Sunday next, 11th inst.,

Commencing at 5-30 p.m.

Reserved Seats, 2s 6d.

Unreserved Seats, 1s.

Proceeds to be given to the Sports and Prizes Funds.

A plan of the Hall may be seen at Messrs. Alfred A. Ross', Market Square.

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Thursday, February 8th, 1900.

119th Day of Siege.

### The Mafeking Mail.

THURSDAY, 8th FEBRUARY, 1900.

#### LATEST NEWS.

Despatches received from the North to-day give very little news of what is going on below.

They state that General Buller crossed the Tugela 18th January, but nothing about the fighting which has subsequently taken place (according to Boer accounts, from 22nd to 24th).

But a telegram from London, dated 2nd February, says that the money market has gone up enormously, which looks as though good news had come to hand.

It is reported that General Warren's Division will advance direct into the Free State via Hanover, between General French and Lord Methuen's forces, at a point where the enemy have no force available to oppose him. But, as before stated, I do not expect that the Western forces will do much till the middle of this month, i.e., next week.

At Crocodile Pools Colonel Plumer is opposed by the Boers entrenched in a strong position, our force is equally strongly posted, and has already caused the enemy serious losses with its shell fire. More men and guns are coming to reinforce it, and it will then proceed to turn the Boers out.

### Mafeking Garrison.

#### GENERAL ORDERS

By Order B. S. S. Bolton-Purcell, Commanding Frontier Force.

MAFEKING, 7th FEBRUARY, 1900

*Office Hours (Headquarter Staff).* Persons having business with the Chief Staff Officer or D.A.A.G. (v) can see either of those officers at the Headquarter Office, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. daily. At other hours only by special appointment, unless on urgent matters.

*Pay.*—With reference to General Order No. 1 of the 9th November 1899, the pay of Mr. McKenzie, commanding "Black Watch," Native Contingent, is increased from 10s. to 12s. 6d. per diem from this day's date inclusive. With reference to General Order No. 5 of the 27th January, Mr. Kirby is hereby granted pay at the rate of 5s. per diem from the 1st January 1900, inclusive.

*Promotion (Cape Police D. 1).* Private G. Moore to be Corporal in recognition of good services performed by him during the present Siege.

*Warning (Boer).* With reference to General Order No. 7 of the 6th inst., the signal for direction will be as follows:—

On the Town ... 3 Bells  
Anywhere else ... 6 Bells

*Increase of Establishment.*—The following increases of Establishment are authorised from this day's date inclusive.

Railway Divn., Armoured Train by 6.  
McKenzie's "Black Watch" by 20.  
Staff Watchmen by 40.

*Court of Summary Jurisdiction.*—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet

to-morrow, Friday, the 9th instant, at the Court House, at 10.15 a.m., for the examination of such prisoners as may be brought before it. President: Major Lord Edward Cecil, D.S.O.; Member: C. G. H. Bell Esq., C.C. & R.M.

#### PASSES FOR NATIVES

1. With reference to paragraph 1 of General Order No. — of 6th instant, on the subject of the issue of Passes to Native Servants, it is further explained for the information of all concerned, that the term Native Servant applies to all Natives in the employ of persons living in the town. The employer should make application to Mr. Grayson, Resident Magistrate's Clerk, at the Magistrate's office, during the forenoon, for the ticket, which will be permanent so long as the Servant remains in the employ of the same master. Should the Servant be changed it would be necessary to renew the ticket.

2. The term Native applies to Bechuanas, Matabeles, and all those belonging to aboriginal tribes of this country.

3. Natives belonging to enrolled Native Contingents who may desire to visit the town, should obtain a pass from the officer commanding the Corps to which the individual belongs. This will also apply to Natives in the employ of members of the Garrison at Cannon Kopje, the Refugee Laager and all Native Servants employed outside the immediate neighbourhood of the town.

4. Native Labourers in the employ of the Government will be engaged in the Stadt by one of the Overseers, daily at 5 a.m., for day work and at 6 p.m. for the night. The men will be brought up to the town in charge of the Overseer, who will be held responsible for seeing that the men leave the town as soon as they are paid.

By order,

E. H. CECIL, Major,  
Chief Staff Officer.

#### MEMS.

(CONTRIBUTED)

During the week six thousand pounds weight of shell has been poured into the town, the casualties resulting therefrom being two, terminating fatally, the others not being serious. One certainly was the result of carelessness. We cannot too strongly impress upon our readers the necessity for carrying out the Colonel's orders and exerting every effort to get under cover when shell fire is expected.

A full grown "Gretje" struck the top of Colonel Walford's bomb-proof shelter during the week, but did nothing further than cover the gallant Colonel with dust.

The experiments for increasing the supply of food for Natives are gradually proving successful. Several thousand pounds weight of oats will soon be brought into use, and a sustaining and nourishing article of diet will be produced therefrom. Now is the time for expert oatmeal millers to shew what they know.

We are glad to find on enquiring that the Natives have made up their minds to

see the Siege through with the rest of us. And whatever gossip may be said about the Chief W. Sel., they may rest assured that he and his people intend defending Mafeking to the very last, as their respected old Chief, Montsioa did.

Has anybody ever visited the subterranean dining hall of the Cape Police at Ellis' Corner? It is said to be capable of holding 40 people.

#### COPY OF WIRE RECEIVED THIS MORNING.

From Raymer, Bulawayo, To Ross, Mafeking  
February 3rd

All messages sent. Mafeking's brave stand applauded by whole world. Keep your pecker up, there's a good time coming.

#### NOTICE.

IT is notified from date no bread will be supplied to persons who have not registered their names with Captain Ryan D.A.A.G.

#### "THE UNION JACK."

By C. M. ROONEY.

O'er many lands, o'er many seas,  
And races white and black,  
We British fly a little flag,  
We call the Union Jack.  
In Mafeking the little flag  
We English love so much,  
The gallant Powell hoisted it  
Defiance of the Dutch.

And—

It is still there, in smooth and calm weather,  
Though Boers by scores have left the little town.  
But, with firm determination, the man who holds the station  
Says he'll see the Dutchmen d—d before the flag comes down.

Old Cronje thought the rooinek kerel  
Would quickly come to grief  
Unless the British Army went  
To Mafeking's relief  
How boastfully the Doppers vaunted  
About our Union Jack,  
And said what sport they'd make of it  
Before they took it back.

But—It is still there, in &c

It won't be long before that "Jack"  
Or one of larger size—  
Will float above Pretoria's walls  
Before the Dutchmen's eyes  
And when their children's children gaze  
Upon it years from now,  
The lesson taught by British arms  
Will show the youngsters how—

It is still there, in spite of open treason  
By double-dealing state men of the South  
For the British occupation of the land  
The federation  
Of Africa from Cairo down to the Indian

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### LATEST NEWS

The latest news from the front lines of the war is that the Allies have made significant gains in the West. The British and French forces have pushed back the German lines in several key areas, including the Somme and the Meuse. The German high command is now in a defensive posture, and the Allies are preparing for a final offensive in the spring of 1918.

The war has taken a toll on the civilian population in both the Allied and Central Powers. Food shortages and economic hardship are widespread. However, the morale of the Allied forces remains high, and they are confident that victory is within their grasp. The Central Powers, on the other hand, are facing increasing internal pressure and are beginning to show signs of weakness.

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Friday, February 9th, 1900.

120th Day of Siege.

The **Mafeking Mail**

FRIDAY, 9TH FEBRUARY, 1900.

### LATEST NEWS.

The following news, dated the 22nd January, is to hand to-day:—

Kimberley is still unrelieved. The 7th Division is now landing at Capetown, and it is also reported that the 8th Division is expected to arrive shortly.

Contingents from Canada, India and Australia are on the sea.

General Sir R. D. Buller crossed the Tugela on January 27th, Sir Charles Warren being on the left, and making a wide turning movement.

General French has surrounded Colesberg, General Gatacre is at Molteno, and Lord Methuen at Modder River.

The Boers suffered a severe repulse at Ladysmith on 6th January, which apparently has knocked all the spirit out of them.

The following resolution was passed by the Borough Council of Kimberley on the 10th January:—

"That this Council begs to express its profound admiration for the splendid defence of the town of Mafeking, and its deep sympathy with the sufferings and privations caused to the inhabitants by prolonged Siege. And the Council hopes and prays for the speedy relief of Mafeking."

### Mafeking Garrison.

#### GENERAL ORDERS

By Colonel R. S. S. Baden-Powell, Commanding Frontier Force.

MAFEKING, 5TH FEBRUARY, 1900.

Sergeant-Major Taylor, with a few men of the Colonial Contingent, completed on Tuesday night the blowing-up of the enemy's sniping place in the Brickfields. The explosion created alarm among the Boers in the advanced entrenchment, and a number of them hastily cleared out into the supporting trench under heavy fire from our men. These got away without casualty, having performed a very creditable piece of work.

*Appointments (Baker and Butcher).—*Mr. Ellitson is appointed A.S.C. Butcher and Baker from the 7th instant. Salary: 30s. per diem.

Mr. Park, Assistant Issuer and Stock Bookkeeper. Salary: 10s. per diem.

Two Native Boy Assistants, each £1 per week.

Mr. Spiers and Mr. Hunkin are appointed Millers to the Imperial Authorities. Salaries respectively 30s. per diem, to date from the 6th instant.

*Promotion (Correction).—*General Order No. 4 of 6th February, 1900, Corporal Ahrams, promotion to rank of Sergeant is antedated to the 5th inst.

*Increase of Establishment.*—General Order No. 6 of the 7th instant, is amended as follows:—The establishment of the Stadt Watchmen to be 100.

*Bread.*—It is notified that, from this day's date no bread will be supplied to

persons who have not registered their names with Captain Ryan, D.A.A.G. (B).

*Oatmeal Ration.*—The issue of Oatmeal will cease from to-day.

By order,  
E. H. CECIL, Major,  
Chief Staff Officer.

### NOTICE.

THE following Shops will be open for Foodstuffs, etc., on Sunday, the 11th instant:—

Dixon's, Dall's, E. Solomon's  
C. M. RYAN, Capt.,  
D.A.A.G.

Mafeking, 9th Feb., 1900.

### DIXON'S STORE

Will be open on SUNDAY for Cash Transactions only.

### Tenders.

TENDERS are hereby invited by the Imperial Government for the conveyance and delivery of water per ox or mule teams, from and to such wells and places as may from time to time be pointed out within the Defences of Mafeking.

Tenders will state price per tank of 400 gallons.

First delivery of water to be made on the night of the 13th February.

It will be distinctly understood that ox or mule rations cannot be given to Contractor.

Sealed Tenders, marked "Water Transport," to be handed in to the office of the Chief Staff Officer, not later than 10 a.m., on the 10th of February.

The lowest or any Tender not necessarily accepted.

### BIRTH.

AT Kimberley, on the 16th January, the Wife of Sergt.-Major E. O. BUTLER, B.S.A.P., of a Son.

### AUCTION SALE.

The undersigned, duly instructed, will sell by Public Auction, on

**Sunday Next,**

At 10.30 a.m.,

**A quantity of Ladies and Mens Boots and Shoes,**

**Mens Underwear, Trousers, Jackets, Shirts,**

And many other articles too numerous to mention,

Also a lot of New and Second hand Novels.

Don't fail to receive Bargains.

**Aldred & Ross,**

Auctioneers & Sworn Appraisers.

With the sanction of the Col. Commanding

### CYCLE SPORTS

will be held at the

RECREATION GROUND,

— ON —

**Sunday, February 11th,**

Commencing at 2-30 p.m.

Lady Sarah Wilson has kindly consented to distribute the prizes, which comprise:

*Watches: a Clock; a most handsome hand-painted "Watteau" Fan; Silver Glove But-toner; Candlestick Mirror; Silver mounted Pipes; Amber Cigarette Holders; Cigarette Cases, &c.*

*Referee:* H. H. Major Goold-Adams.

*Judges:* Major Godley; Capt. Cowan  
Inspector Marsh.

*Handicappers:* Lieut. Colonel Walford  
Inspector Browne

*Starters:* C. G. H. Bell, Esq., C.C. & R.M.  
*Clerk of Course:* To be appointed on  
*Lap Scorer* } the Ground.

### The Totalisator

Will be upon the Grounds.

Under charge of Sergt. Major Merry.

### PROGRAMME:

	Start
1. One Mile Siege Championship	2-40
2. Team Race of One Mile	3-0
Four members of: The Prot. Regiment, the B.S.A. Police, the Cape Police, the Bechuanaland Rifles, and the Town Guard.	
3. Half Mile Bicycle Race in Fancy Costume.	3-20
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Saturday, February 10th, 1900.

121st Day of Siege.

The Mafeking Mail.

SATURDAY, 10TH FEBRUARY, 1900.

### LADYSMITH RELIEVED.

Although there is no definite information to hand about Ladysmith, one may adopt, with feelings of confidence, the assumption that its relief has already been effected. We think on or about Wednesday, the 24th January. Space will not permit of giving the various pegs upon which to hang that belief, but Buller's advance on the 17th, the report of fighting at Spions Kop, on the 22nd and 23rd, the statement made in the paper of the 26th as to fighting having taken place 30 or 40 miles North of Ladysmith, the particular viciousness of the Boers here on the 27th to 31st. The London wire of the 2nd February telling of the upward bound on the Stock Market, all suggest that there is good news for us somewhere on the road.

With deep regret we record the death of Mr. James Dall, Town Councillor. All Mafeking will join in heartfelt condolence with his family in this their hour of sorrow and bereavement, and none will withhold tribute to the sterling integrity, the intense devotion as husband and father, and the worth of our late townsman.

### POSTPONEMENT.

We are desirous by Mr. Feltham, who is acting as Secretary to the Bachelor Officers Dance Committee, to state that as a tribute of respect to the family and friends of the late Mr. Dall, the dance announced for this evening will be postponed till tomorrow.

### AUCTION SALE.

The undersigned, duly instructed, will sell by Public Auction, on

**Sunday Next,**

At 10-30 a.m.,

**A quantity of Ladies and Mens Boots and Shoes, Mens Underwear, Trousers, Jackets, Shirts, And many other articles too numerous to mention.**

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TO CELEBRATE

**THE 18TH SUNDAY OF THE SIEGE.**

Commencing at 5-30 p.m.

Proceeds to be given to the Sports and Prizes Funds.

### PROGRAMME:

PART I.

1. Cape Police, D. II., Khaki Band.
2. Song ... "Anchored," Mr. Campbell
3. Pianoforte Recital.  
Signor Paderewski.
4. Song, "At the Ferry," Miss Friend
5. Mandoline Solo, "Mary" Waltz,  
Pte. J. P. Murray
6. Song, "Beauty's Eyes," Mr. Bulleid
7. Siege Song ... Pte. E. W. Coxwell  
"If it wasn't for the Maxim in between."

Interval of 5 Minutes.

PART II.

1. Piccolo Solo ... Mr. Westland
2. Leger de main ... Mr. F. J. Jacobs
3. Song, "Sunshine above,"  
Capt. Ryan, D.A.A.G.B.
4. Recitation, "Bill Tinka,"  
Lieut. C. N. McKenna.
5. Siege Sketch ... Gentleman Joe
6. Song, "The Outpost," Mr. Campbell
7. Comic Song ... Pte. E. W. Coxwell  
God Save the Queen.

Owing to time no encores will be allowed.

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Thursday, February 15th, 1900.

126th Day of Siege.

### The Mafeking Mail.

THURSDAY, 15TH FEBRUARY, 1900.

#### LAST SUNDAY

our weekly holiday, was a full day. Cricket in the morning, Concert in the afternoon, and a Dance in the evening. The new flags were mounted over the various posts, and the passer by on looking at them and remembering the heroism they represent, feels anew the pride of belonging to the nation whose flag has the irresistible power of stimulating and uniting her sons to stand as firmly, or more firmly, together at the end of four months' Siege than they did at the beginning. One flag we looked for but did not see, that was "C" Squadron's. Present at the first fight, and actively so at nearly all engagements, losing two-thirds of its men, and at the last affair all officers; but one shows that it has not been behind hand when fighting was about.

From the *S. and D. News*, January 26th. "At Inkerman the percentage of losses was 31, Allueva 48, at Sulamanaca one battalion lost 90 per cent. of its officers and 83 per cent. of its men. At Modder River the British lost about 7 per cent."

#### THE CONCERT.

The concert given at the Masonic Hall on Sunday last, the 18th Sunday of the Siege, was certainly one of the best if not the best entertainment we have had here since the war began. There was not a "turn," the omission of which would have improved the programme. The playing of the "Khaki" Band was excellent, so was the Mandoline Solo by Mr. J. P. Murray, with pianoforte accompaniment by Mr. Richards. But for pianoforte performances we should certainly award the palm to that of Signor Paderewski. We do not consider it an exaggeration to say that no one in Mafeking has ever heard a pianoforte recital like it before. At any rate it is certain that the "Signor" is an artiste of no mean order. Mr. Campbell sang twice and all who listened were charmed. Miss Friend sang with her usual ability. Mr. Bulleid, who possesses a tenor voice difficult to equal, was in first-class form and sang "Juanita" exquisitely. Mr. E. W. Coxwell's song, "If it wasn't for the maxim in between," written by the singer, was deservedly appreciated by the audience, who applauded vigorously. Mr. Westland performed a Piccolo Solo. Mr. F. J. Jacobs exhibited some sleight of hand, very clever but not plentiful enough. This we believe was on account of the difficulty in obtaining necessary articles in town. Captain Ryan sang a coster song, Lieut. McKenna recited a skit on those declamatory pieces of the mandolin sentimental order so popular with a certain class of Americans. "Gentleman Joe" was execrably funny in his coster delineation and showing how the making up is done. In fact the audience had such a laugh over his performance that the effect of eighteen weeks' Siege was

wiped away from every face and it did the public almost as much good as the announcement of relief would have done. We are glad to learn that the net result of the bookings is a sum of ten pounds four shillings handed over to the Sports Funds, a result which we think would justify a repetition of the entertainment.

#### THE BACHELOR OFFICERS DANCE

at the Masonic on the same evening was well attended and enjoyed but, unfortunately, nearly all the hospitable inviters, like the officers on the eve of Waterloo, were summoned from the hall room by the call of duty and spent the night at their posts instead of sharing the pleasure they had so graciously provided. Less fortunate than on the historical occasion at Quatre bras they had not an opportunity to take any part in the dancing because it was just about the time announced for the commencement of the hall that volleys from the enemy were heard, and the Protectorate, C.P., and Rifles had all to scurry off before the fun began, passing on their way from the Hall, the remainder of the guests, just arriving. Following are the names of hosts and acceptors of invitations, many of whom continued dancing till a late or rather an early hour of the morning.

##### HOSTS:

Lieut.-Col. Walford, Lieut.-Col. Goold, Adams; Chaplain Weekes, Capt. Marsh, Williams, Brown, Cowan, Scholefield-Singleton; Drs. Holmden, Hayes; Messrs. Greenfield, Moorson, Holden, Peehell, Swinburne, Bridges, Dunlop-Smith, Daniel, Hope, Martin, Murray, McKenna, Moncrieffe, Hanbury-Tracy, McKenzie.

##### GUESTS:

Capt. and Mrs. Girdwood; Mr. and Mrs. Adams, Bland, Bradley, Buchan, Davies, Gemmell, Gwynne, Hall, Hayes, Minchin, More, Rising, Stewart, Werner, Whales, Winter; Mrs. Lake; The Misses Becker, Coker, Cowan, Cramer, Crawford, Friend, Gamble, Moss, Sheasby, Wyatt. Lieutenant-Colonel Hore, Majors Anderson, Panzera, Hopworth, Baillie, Godley, Lord Edward Cecil, Capt. FitzClarence, Marsh, Ryan, Lord Chas. Bentinck, Greener, Messrs. Algie, Bell, Bolus, Brady, De Kock, Friend, Geyer, Grayson, Stent, Stigand, Weil, Whiteley, Wirsing.

#### Mafeking Garrison.

##### GENERAL ORDERS

By Colonel R. S. S. Bailen-Powell, Commanding Frontier Force.

MAFEKING, 15TH FEBRUARY, 1900.

*Court of Summary Jurisdiction.*—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet to-morrow, Friday, the 16th instant, at the Court House, at 10-15 a.m., for the examination of such prisoners as may be brought before it. President: Major Lord Edward Cecil, D.S.O.; Member: C. G. H. Bell Esq., C.C. & R.M.

Pay, etc. Sergt. Louse, Railway Division, is granted Sergt's pay at the rate of 7s. per diem from the 12th December,

1899, inclusive, as being in charge of the Nordenfeldt gun, in recognition of his good services in connection with that duty; and the exceptional hardships entailed thereby.

*Horses: Dead or Wounded.*—All horses killed or wounded are to be instantly reported immediately to Headquarters, in cases of horses being killed the carcasses are to be handed over to the D.A.A.G. (b) and on no account are such carcasses to be sold or given away without reference to that officer.

By order,

E. H. CECIL, Major,  
Chief Staff Officer.

#### ASSESSMENT OF PROPERTY.

List of names of owners whose property will be assessed on Sunday next, 18th February:—

Erf No. 49	A. W. Fincham
" 1B	J. B. Herd
" 1B	W. G. Kirkpatrick (Agent: W. J. E. Mahony)
" 15	Mafeking Club
" 12	N. D. Farquharson
" 10	W. A. Hampson
" "	O. Fodisch
" 31	J. E. Jones
" 45	W. N. Cooper
" 93	Townsend & Son
" 21	Mrs. Dall (Agent: A. G. Early)
" 99	G. Masters

#### LOST

A FOUNTAIN PEN on the 11th inst., at Dixon's Hotel. Finder is requested to return same to Rev. FATHER COOLE.



#### "Austral" Lodge.

No. 2534, E.C.

BRO. REV. W. B. WEEKES, W.M.

AN Emergency Meeting will be held in the Masonic Temple, on Sunday evening next, February 18th, at 8-30 p.m. Visiting B.B. are invited to attend.

J. S. PARK, Secretary.

#### NOTICE.

IN consequence of complaints having been made by Post Commanders of not receiving the full issue of certain of the rations to which their men are entitled and it being supposed that the cause of the deficit being the theft of these rations by Native boys who are sent to draw them, Post Commanders are directed that in future, that in all cases a responsible man must be sent to supervise the draying of rations.

(Sgd.) H. GOOLD-ADAMS,  
Town Commandant.

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127th Day of Siege

The Mafeking Mail.

FRIDAY, 16TH FEBRUARY, 1900.

### OUR BEEF PROVIDERS.

The appearance of some under-cut, juicy and succulent, on certain breakfast tables made us curious in this time of Siege as to its origin. We learned it was "Native beef," and the following account, which we prefer to give in its own picturesque language, is interesting in connection with the subject of our meat supply:—

"Matlakgong, the leader of "the expedition of 10th, whose loot was captured by the enemy a fortnight ago, said he would not have a quiet night until that fiasco had been blotted out; so on Friday he took four men with him to go and make another trial. Yesterday he and his companions were coming in with what appeared to be a span (12 head) of oxen they had captured close to Batho-Batho's, near Maritzani, at 5 p.m. They brought them down safely until they reached the Magogo Valley, where the Boers fired at them. The Boers first of all fired from their right and before they had time to reply another volley came from their left. They replied calmly, four men went to the right (where the heaviest fire was) and one to the left. The Boers soon shut up but not until they had wounded two oxen. One fell amongst the Boers and one just outside our advance trench, and 10 came in safely.

"Night before last (Saturday) 12 armed Barolong left our advance trench, South of the Stadt, to go and annoy the Boers. They crossed their lines without being observed and were only fired at on their return. As soon as they returned the fire the Boers ran back to their trench and were silent for the night."

These people attacked the homestead of a Native farmer at Maritzani and exchanged shots, but the farmer made a vigorous defence and they retired.

### WHERE'S GREITJE?

When the Boers were seen fiddling around the big gun on Wednesday and a letter under the cover of a white flag was sent in to keep us from firing while they rigged a derrick over "Greitje" preparatory to removal, some of the more hopeful took it as a sign that the damned old blunderbuss was wanted at Pretoria and that her unpleasant helch would no more twang its woeful discord on the harpstrings of our nerves. Alas, how disappointed must these optimists have been when the following afternoon the old scarifying sound was heard coming from about four miles due West instead of East, showing us that the openings to our dug-outs were all the wrong side about. However, we may comfort ourselves with the reflection that as we have borne bombarding for eighteen weeks there is no reason to funk anything these curs can do now. They have tried all the mean tricks their low cunning is capable of inventing, and now we are nearing the end, whether they take their guns to the East or West, can make no difference to us nor to the punishment they are soon sure to receive.

The Secretary to the Sports and Prizes Funds desires to acknowledge receipt of Ten Pounds Four Shillings, being proceeds from the Concert of Sunday afternoon last.

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Officer Attached.—Major Baillie, Reserve of Officers, is attached for duty (without pay) to the B.S.A. Police from the 12th instant inclusive.

Assessment Committee.—The Assessment Committee will meet on Sunday, the 18th instant, at Dixon's Hotel at 10 a.m. Owners attending at the above place and hour will be informed about what time the Committee will arrive at their respective houses.

By order,  
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THE following hours will hold good for issue or purchase of Bread and Meat:—

5-30 a.m. 9 a.m.  
6-30 p.m. 8 p.m.

No one will be served outside these hours.

Bills for Bread and Meat.—Persons purchasing privately will be required to pay cash down. There is not sufficient Staff to justify running accounts being opened.

C. M. RYAN, Capt.,  
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SATURDAY, 17th FEBRUARY, 1900.

### WE ARE STILL TO HAVE OUR "SUNDAYS OFF."

Mafeking's normal fecundity in rumour has certainly not abated, but if anything, been stimulated and increased since the Siege. The arrival of a "white flag" always heralds the birth of some awful yarn and this week "the lying jade" has been saying the Boers had threatened to snipe and bombard us on Sundays if we do not spend the day in hesotted sniffling, similar to their own. The following notice from to-day's General Orders shows there was no foundation for the silly rumour.

### NOTICE.

A message was received from General Snyman a few days ago to say that if our cattle, and wood-cutters, went out on Sundays beyond their usual ground they would be fired on, as also any officers or men reconnoitring or building works in advance of existing positions. Precautions should therefore be taken to avoid this.

### NOTICE.

The enemy having re-occupied their trench on the East front, from which they snipe constantly into the town, the inhabitants are warned that the streets and Market Square are unsafe. Traverses will be erected as soon as possible to make a safe thoroughfare. Meanwhile persons going about the town should take all the cover they can.

### NOTICE.

IN future no orders will be issued for Matches. They can be obtained from Mr. Weil, who will sell a limited quantity daily.

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FROM BULAWAYO.

Mafeking Garrison.

MONDAY, 19TH FEBRUARY, 1900.

The following News has been received from Router, Durban:—

January 27th. Warren drove back enemy at Southern Cross and Spionkop— heavy losses. Warren re-joined Buller on 27th. Official Boer returns give their loss 53 killed, 120 wounded. Buller reported fighting two days, no details. 200 wagons supplies stated reached Kimberley. Stevens' *Daily Mail* Correspondent died of enteric fever.

### FROM KIMBERLEY.

Situation unchanged. Kelly Kenny is at Naauwpoort. French has practically surrounded Colesberg; and Gatacre is still in the neighbourhood of Molteno. Boers appear to have made a determined attack on Ladysmith on 6th, and were repulsed with heavy loss. Newspapers put Boer losses at 350 killed and 750 wounded. Our losses unknown. Numerous reinforcements of Colonial, Volunteers, etc., now on water. 7th Division is disembarking in Colony, and 8th Division, with large reinforcements Artillery now leaving England.

### FROM CAPETOWN.

February 4th—Buller failed to reach Ladysmith after a week's fighting, with heavy losses on both sides, attempt to be made to relieve it at once.

Small successes in North of the Colony but nothing decisive near Colesberg.

Lord Roberts and Kitchener were to leave for front in a day or two. On their arrival advance force will be made from Modder River or Orange River.

### FROM THE NORTH.

Gaherones, Feb. 13th. Colonel Plumer attacked Boer position on the 12th. The sides of the kopje were mined and covered with obstacles, and though our men got right up to the wall of the fort they were obliged to retire. Losses: killed, one officer and six men. Names: Captain French, Sergt. Winder, Corpl. J. Sherwood, Tpr. Whitfield, and Tpr. P. H. Reid, Rhodesia Regiment; and Tprs. Jones and Garner, B.S.A. Police. Wounded: Col. Inn. H. White, Major Straker, B.S.A.P., and sixteen men. Five men taken prisoners, who were afterwards handed over by the Boers, all wounded.

### FROM THE STEYNSBURG BRITISHERS.

Bravo! We all most heartily congratulate you and those with you on your most gallant defence of Mafeking, and for the valuable services rendered to the old flag

The following telegram was received from Colonel Nielolson:—

"Mr. Harmsworth, of *Daily Mail*, has placed £500 to your credit for relief of brave men wounded in the heroic defence of Mafeking, and relief of immediate relatives of those killed, and £200 has also been sent from the Mansion House Fund."

### LOCAL ITEMS.

Sergt.-Major Taylor, in the advanced works, yesterday got close to the Boers' trench and overheard them saying that Snyman had had orders urging him to take Mafeking at once and to bring his force down to the assistance of the Free State, which is now hard pressed.

Yesterday morning the Johannesburg coach arrived in the Boer camp, and a large crowd of them met it; they stood about in groups for an hour afterwards. All their trenches were very quiet last night.

It is most probable that the British advance has begun and that next week we may hear news.

Reuter's Special Correspondent, Mr Vore Stent, has received the following communication from Reuter's Agent at Kimberley:—

Kimberley, Jan. 24, 1900.

DEAR SIR, I received your Xmas despatches and the sad account of the sortie, but have been unable to get them away as all our Native runners get caught, and the Boers are behaving like brutes in shooting them; they are people who have exchanged the hearts of men for beasts. We are still unrelieved and this morning had another bombardment with some ten guns against us, some damage has been done and two poor women were killed. The shells were directed all over the town and not at the forts—or at any rate very few of them. Everybody is justly proud of Mafeking, whilst deeply sympathizing with all the troubles and sorrows you are experiencing. Things are going on slowly but surely in Natal, and I thoroughly expect to hear Ladysmith is on the eve of relief as yesterday we learnt by helio that Buller was in sight of the town. More troops are leaving Southampton daily. John Ruskin is dead. There is no other news to tell you, indeed we have had no newspapers here for ages. Though the relief column is only some 12 miles off in the same position as they have been for weeks, they have been unable to get here as the Boers are in such force at Spytfontein. I hope Capt Wilson is quite well; he will very likely recollect me at Eton, at Cornish's house. We are now eating horse flesh and things are not by any means pleasant, though we have the essentials of life. There has been great mortality here amongst the very young children and babies, and we have a lot of typhoid and scurvy. Hoping you keep well,

I am, yours truly,

G. M. C. LUARD.

Mr. Rhodes is quite well and he received Captain Wilson's letter.

### GENERAL ORDERS

By Colonel R. S. S. Baden-Powell, Commanding Frontier Force.

MAFEKING, 17TH FEBRUARY, 1900.

*Dogs (Registration of).—*In order to put a stop to the present dog nuisance the ordinary law with regard to licences will be introduced. Every person keeping a dog must obtain a license from the R.M., and any dog not duly registered will be immediately destroyed. Persons will be required to produce their licence when called upon by any Policeman, Con-table, or other Civil Official, or by the Military Authorities.

MAFEKING, 19TH FEBRUARY, 1900.

*Closing of Bars.—*The Colonel Commanding having noticed several cases of drunkenness amongst the troops yesterday all Bars in town will be entirely closed from to-morrow inclusive for seven days. Hotel or Bar keepers wishing for special exemption in favour of lodgers or other persons must apply for permits to the C.S.O. or D.A.A.G. (a).

*Native Servants.—*With reference to General Order No 5, of 14th inst., the names of servants and numbers of tickets must be forwarded to the C.S.O., not later than 6 p.m. on 20th inst. Unless these returns are rendered by the time stated servants will not be able to obtain rations either by purchase or issue.

*Assessment of Damages.—*All persons submitting claims for assessment of damage to house property must, at the same time, furnish a builders affidavit, as to the value of the property damaged.

By order,

E. H. CECIL, Major,  
Chief Staff Officer.

### GOLD.

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The Mafeking Mail.

TUESDAY, 20th FEBRUARY, 1900.

### LATEST NEWS.

The scraps of news coming to hand, in addition to their general scantiness, are remarkably bare of detail. Most particularly are we interested in what goes on at Natal and in the fate of Ladysmith, as it is there the war is to be decided, yet nothing has reached us beyond the bald fact that there was fighting at Spionkop, the Boers were driven away, and that the newspapers say 1,100 Boers were knocked out, although it is now more than a month ago since this happened. It is this dearth of information as to the progress of the campaign that adds so materially to the exasperation caused by our prolonged beleaguement. Its continuance makes even the mildest mannered amongst us feel he has the making of a cut-throat in him, and he whose life's abhorrence has been war or anything appertaining to it, surprisedly finds himself anxious to go "sniping"; join in a sortie, or do something desperate "on his own." "Hope deferred maketh the heart sick" the Wise King was supposed to remark nearly three thousand years ago, but if Mr. Solomon had been in Mafeking, cut off from telegraphic communication for 132 days he would have jammed that truth to the front with a deal more force. We have been hoping day after day, week after week, to hear that the siege of Ladysmith is raised. We regard that as the hub upon which the wheel of our fortune turns. Another batch of wires came on Sunday but they did not bring the much desired news. We believe Ladysmith is relieved; we have believed it for three weeks and until information to the contrary is received we do not mean to have that fond belief bumped out of us by such pebbles in the path as

"Capetown, Feb. 14th.—Buller failed to reach Ladysmith after a week's hard fighting."

We regret our lack of imaginative faculty, as never was there such a glorious opportunity for practice. For instance we learned a fortnight ago that Buller crossed the Tugela on the 17th, with Warren on his left. Our forces commenced bombarding the Boers, who were strongly entrenched on the North banks on the fifteenth of January, and on the 17th we crossed the river. From Durban, on Jan-

uary 27th, it was wired "Warren rejoined Buller on 27th." This is deliciously vague. Where did they re-join. Did they "meet beyond the River" or did Warren stay at Spionkop 10 days till Buller came back from thirty miles North of Ladysmith to re-join him? Oh, for a clairvoyant in proper working order, we would just turn her (all the clairvoyants we know, are "bers") on to Spionkop and find out what our forces were doing there, fooling about with Boers when they had "crossed the Tugela" ten days earlier, and the Boers themselves admit recognising their exhilarating presence at Helpmakaar, two days before. These are things "no fellah can understand don't 'cher 'no" and we would prefer spending our time at the "fifteen puzzle" than wasting it in tying our brains into knots over these insufficient messages. In the mean time Mafeking waits, as contentedly as ever, quite ready to receive Mr. Suyman and his friends if they wish to carry out their instructions.

We were pleased to have a visit from our respected Town Councillor, Mr. Gerrans, and to see that he has sufficiently recovered from the effects of his accident to be able to look around his works, and we are glad to know that Mr. Green has also arrived at a corresponding stage of convalescence. Mr. Gerrans desires to express his appreciation of the treatment, both medical and nursing, that he has received and to tender his thanks to the staff of the Victoria Hospital.

**DIED** of Diphtheria at the Women's Laager, Mafeking, on the 19th February, 1900, MAGDALENE JOSEPHINE, eldest daughter of John Henry and Maria Veronica Voss.

### NOTICE.

**ALL** persons having claims against the Estate of the late Captain Raymond Herbert Girdwood are requested to render the same as soon as possible to the undersigned.

H. GOULD-ADAMS,

Executor.

Mafeking, 20th Feb., 1900.

### NOTICE.

**WOOD** having become rather scarce, it is notified for general information that it may be necessary to collect and remove all fenceings and polings round private properties. It will not be possible to notify owners prior to every removal being made. They are at liberty, however, to file claims for restoration of polings and fenceings at termination of operations, or to receive payment per 100 lbs. weight wood removed should they prefer to do so.

C. M. RYAN, Capt.,  
D.A.A.G.B.

Mafeking, 20th Feb., 1900.

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WEDNESDAY, 21ST FEBRUARY, 1900.

### LATEST NEWS.

In the wire to hand on Sunday morning, which came from Durban and bore date January 27th, we are told that Warren drove the Boers from Spion Kop and Southern Cross. We learned from the *S. and D. News* of the 26th that there had been fighting at Spion Kop on Monday, the 22nd, and that 210 British prisoners had been taken. It will be remembered that the number of prisoners was previously quoted at 2,000, but the same issue of this *George Washington Journal* of Johannesburg said that "2,000 was a mistranslation of a telegram, it should have been 200, as a matter of fact there are 210 which were taken to Pretoria on Wednesday, 24th." In connection with this item it is exceedingly funny, even though somewhat irritating, to notice how the United Order of Pessimists stick to any figures, even if shown to be incorrectly quoted, nay, even when distinctly contradicted by the paper whose policy the contradiction tells against, it is remarkable, we say, how the U.O.P. adhere to a pretended belief of anything, however absurdly fallacious, if it tend to make our position appear worse than it is. This particular phase of lunacy evidenced itself yesterday when a respected townsman who claims some knowledge of locale in Natal, where the fighting is going on, was asked where Spion Kop is. His reply was: "Why, Spion Kop is the place where a few weeks ago a whole Brigade of British were cut up and 3,000 prisoners taken by the Boers." As he may have told many people in the garrison the same foolish yarn, and as the nerves of all are at such high tension, we think it well to mention that no such reverse is recorded. There was fighting at Spion Kop on Monday, 22nd of January, and according to the Boer official organ, we were victorious, although they said that they had 210 prisoners to take to Pretoria. But to return to our subjects, the only conclusion we can arrive at after comparison of dates and the various notes to hand, is that Buller crossed the Tugela on January 17th, on the right, but that Warren, on the left, did not get over the Tugela till, or about, the 24th. The Kimberley letter corroborates our calculation of a fortnight ago, when it says: "I thoroughly expect Ladysmith is on the eve of relief, to-day (23rd) we learned by helio that Buller is in sight of the town"; and

the message from Durban said that Warren re-joined Buller on 27th, probably it was earlier as the message is dated 27th at Durban. We, therefore, still expect the next mail to tell us that Ladysmith is relieved, although in consonance with the Boer tactics of 80-81, they will redouble their efforts to endeavour to prevent us learning the good news, hoping, the fools, that we may repeat the Potchefstroom chapter of history and surrender when victorious. Do not flatter your little self with that idea Messrs. Snyman & Co. We held to the end. Besides, you are no Cronje, and what he was unable to accomplish, it were ridiculous for you to attempt.

## Mafeking Garrison.

### GENERAL ORDERS

By Colonel R. S. S. Daken-Powell, Commanding Frontier Force.

MAFEKING, 20TH FEBRUARY, 1900.

*Appointment.*—Mr. L. Schreiber is attached to the Staff of the Chief Paymaster, Mafeking, as Local Auditor, at the rate of 15s. per diem from this day's date inclusive.

*Closing of Bars.*—With reference to General Order No. 5, of the 19th instant, attention is called to General Order No. 1, of the 9th January, 1900, and Hotel and Bar Keepers are warned that on the next occasion of an offence of drunkenness arising out of the obtaining of drink by soldiers or others serving in any military capacity, at any Hotel or other Bar, such Hotel or other Bar will be permanently closed, and the stock of liquors liable to be confiscated.

*Meat Stations.*—It is notified for general information that the A.S.C. Butcher has been instructed to add 5 lbs. in every 50 lbs. of meat issued, thus allowing 10 per cent. to make up for waste in cutting up.

*Scarcity of Wood.*—As it has become necessary in the interests of the Garrison, to collect all wood for the purposes of cooking, etc., and to equally distribute the same; it is therefore notified that the Authorities may be obliged to cause the removal of palings, wood fences, etc., surrounding private property. The exigencies of the Siege may render it impossible in all cases to give previous notice to owners, and the latter are informed that any claim they may make for compensation for such removal of fences, etc., will be duly registered for consideration by the Imperial Authorities, as to the amount of compensation, if any, to which they may be entitled.

*Dogs (Registration of).*—With reference to General Order No. 5, of the 17th inst., the order should read as follows:—All Europeans owning any dogs of any age within the defences of Mafeking shall, within seven days from date hereof, register the same with the Town Clerk, and for each dog pay a licence fee of 10s. The Town Clerk will attend at the office of the Resident Magistrate for the purpose of granting such licences between the hours of 11 a.m. and 12 noon daily, on and between Wednesday, the 21st instant, and

Tuesday, the 27th instant inclusive. The penalty for non-registration of any dog will be that the dog be immediately destroyed. Persons will be required to produce their licences when called upon by Policemen, Constables, or other Civil Officials, or by the Military Authorities.

By order,  
E. H. CECIL, Major,  
Chief Staff Officer.

### FREEMASONRY.

On Sunday last an Emergency Meeting of the Austral Lodge, No. 2534, was held in the Masonic Temple. Although probably the circumstances under which the Lodge was held is unique in the history of modern Freemasonry, no signs of the Siege were observable; if we expect a shell hole at the top of the Eastern wall, through which the rain had washed the brick dust in long brown trickles, looking like tear stains, down the decorated plaster. Unfortunately, though unobtrusive, there are other signs of the malignant influences surrounding us to be found in the roll call. Not only has the grave closed over more than one member of the Lodge since the last meeting, which was held before the Siege, but from the ranks of office bearers. Bro. Upton, the S.W., has stopped, but in a manner which causes his brother masons and fellow soldiers to alternate their sobs with bursts of pride when dwelling upon their loss. Others who were absent we should happily have recorded their passing away rather than have the shameful remembrance that they have broken their oaths and become traitors to their Queen.

The following Members and Visitors were present:—

Chaplain the Rev. W. H. Weekes, W.M.; B.B. H.C. Singleton, Highland L. Infantry, St. John's and Paul's Lodge, A.S.W.; T. Aldred, J.W.; E. J. Ross, Treasurer; J.S. Park, Secretary; C. W. Clucas, S.D.; J. E. Jones, J.D.; J. Pennycook, D.C.; L. Schreiber, Organist; W. R. Orson, I.G.; G. Heal, Tyler; H. P. Dennison, P.M. B.B. E. J. Layton, W. C. Bland, D. J. Davies, Geo. Lippmann, A. Hillam, G. Fenham, J. Grant, R. Urry, H. S. Bernard, L. Eavis, E. R. Hunkin. Visito: B. Meyers, Athole, 591; E. S. Weyms, St. John's, Kilwinning, 6; A. H. Royal, Royal Alfred, 420; C. Ryan, A.S.C. Phoenix Lodge, 270; J. B. Dobie, W. W. Jones, Goodie Trouw; A. Mackenzie, St. John's, Kilwinning 6; G. N. H. Whales, Polish National, 534; P. C. Cranswick, Londesborough, 734; W. Anderson, Stella, 3233; A. Day, British, 334; H. H. Head, Buffalo, 1824.

Mr. F. Vickery was initiated and some nominations received. It was decided to institute a jewel commemorating the event, and arrangements made for photographing the brothers present upon such an auspicious occasion.

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# THE MAFEKING MAIL

## SPECIAL SIEGE SLIP.

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No. 77

Thursday, February 22nd, 1900.

133rd Day of Siege

### The Mafeking Mail.

THURSDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY, 1900.

From the Garrison, Mafeking.

To Colonel R. S. S. Baden-Powell.

Many Happy Returns of the Day and may the year now commencing bring the laurels you have won.

### THAT WANDERING GREITJE.

We may conclude from the re-appearance of the Siege gun on the Eastern side of the town that Shyman considers he has effected the object on our Western front, for which it was sent there, and that he thinks he has punished the Natives for refusing to be cajoled, by his most *praiseworthy* to help the Boers, and the Baralongs' for declaring that they will see the Siege through, side by side with the British, notwithstanding scarce "scoff." At any rate it is more than probable that some lying report has been sent by him to Pretoria, and thence over the world, to the effect that the Native Stadt had been taken and the Baralongs impressed with deep reverence for the almighty powerfulness of the late Trausvaal State. We have not yet been able to feel that reverence and respect that a people who, according to their own claims, were specially backed up by Providence, should command when it starts upon a conquering expedition, carried on upon somewhat similar lines to those laid down in the General Orders given to Commander Joshua, nor are we likely ever to have any respect for the cowardly crew skulking around here. From the accounts of the difficulties our force has encountered in driving these rebels from their holes we must conclude that the best brains and best courage amongst the enemy were sent to Natal, recognising that the battle would be decided there, and that an inferior class came to Mafeking. This is not very complimentary to our fighting ability but it agrees with their oft reiterated statement that they would "just take this place without any fighting, as we could not attempt to offer opposition on account of the few people we had here to take up arms." No doubt the Zeerusters, the Mahanui and Rustenburgers altered their opinion on the 14th of October, but if there are any still living who cling to the old notion of a possible looting of Mafeking stores they must be quick about trying it on as B. P. & Co. do not expect to remain here much longer, and when they do move it will be very uncomfortable for any Dutch or recreant British found cuddling a Mauser between here and Pretoria.

Yet another fatality caused by the idiotic manipulation of unexploded shells. Miller, a gunner in the Protectorate Regiment, B Squadron, was unloading a ninety-four pounder to-day (we were told he was chipping out the fulminate with a screw driver) when the thing exploded. We need not describe the result, it was more terribly complete than anything that has hitherto occurred here.

### Mafeking Garrison.

#### GENERAL ORDERS

By Colonel R. S. S. Baden-Powell, Commanding Frontier Force.

MAFEKING, 21st FEBRUARY, 1900.

The Colonel Commanding has received with much satisfaction a report from Col. Vyvyan detailing the good services of the Foreman Ganger and Gangers in charge of working parties who have been nightly carrying out Defence Works under fire. W. Poulton has especially distinguished himself for his pluck and coolness; H. Lee, J. Westdyk, J. C. Goodersen, and Zulu Tom have also done good work under fire.

*Interviews with Colonel Commanding.*—Any persons, with the exception of Staff or Commanding Officers and Heads of Departments, wishing for a personal interview with the Colonel Commanding must first apply to the Staff Officer, Headquarters Office, stating the nature of their business, etc., when they will be informed of the hour at which they can be received.

*Transmission of Money.*—The Chief Paymaster, Mafeking, is authorised to receive monies from members of all white Corps for transmission through the Pay Department, Capetown, to relatives or others dependent on them for support. Lists, accompanied by the money, should be sent to the Chief Paymaster, Mafeking, on Tuesday of each week, by O.C.'s Corps, giving names of those serving under them who desire to avail themselves of this privilege, and names and addresses of persons who are to receive the money. Every endeavour will be made to put these payments through correctly, but senders will have to take all risk of delay or miscarriage.

MAFEKING, 22ND FEBRUARY, 1900.

To-morrow, the 23rd February, being Independence Day in the Orange Free State, it is just possible that the enemy may make it an occasion for increased activity in shelling. Precautions should be taken accordingly. The big gun has been moved back (last night) near to her old position due East of the town.

*Unexploded Shells.*—The attention of all is drawn to another fatal accident to-day, the result of disobedience of Orders No. 2, of the 8th December, and No. 6, of the 10th January, issued to the effect that all shells that fall without bursting are to be immediately reported to the nearest Post and buried under the orders of the Officer Commanding the Post, and that anybody found in possession of an unexploded shell is liable to severe punishment.

*Court of Summary Jurisdiction.*—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet

to-morrow, Friday, the 23rd instant, at the Court House, at 10-15 a.m., for the examination of such prisoners as may be brought before it. President: Major Lord Edward Cecil, D.S.O.; Member: C. G. H. Bell Esq., C.C. & R.M.

*Casualty Returns.*—In addition to the return furnished to the P.M.O., a return will be furnished by the Officer or N.C.O. in charge of each Dressing Station, to the C.S.O.

*Increase of Establishment.*—The establishment of Major Godley's Stadt Watchmen is hereby increased to a total of 20, to date from 23rd instant inclusive.

*Army Service Corps Butchery.*—The allowance for cutting up will be 5 per cent, and not "10 per cent." as stated in General Order No. 4, of the 20th instant. This allowance will be made all round on all meat requisitions.

By order,

E. H. CECIL, Major,  
Chief Staff Officer.

### ASSESSMENT OF PROPERTY.

List of names of owners whose property will be assessed on Sunday next, 25th February:—

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| Erf No. 49                 | A. W. Fincham     |
| " 1b                       | J. B. Herd        |
| " 1b                       | W. G. Kirkpatrick |
| " (Agent: W. J. E. Mahony) |                   |
| " 15                       | Mafeking Club     |
| " 12                       | N. D. Farquharson |
| " 10                       | W. A. Hampson     |
| "                          | O. Fodisch        |
| " 31                       | J. E. Jones       |
| " 15                       | W. N. Cooper      |
| " 93                       | Townsend & Son    |
| " 121                      | Mrs. Dall         |
| " (Agent: A. G. Early)     |                   |
| " 99                       | G. Masters        |

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Friday, February 23rd, 1900.

134th Day of Siege

### The Mafeking Mail.

FRIDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY, 1900.

#### Those Unexploded Ones!

Yesterday attention was called in "General Orders" to the fatal results following neglect to comply with the two orders, December 8th and January 10th, re Reporting and Disposal of Unexploded Shells. Three lives have now been lost to the Garrison by this pig-headed fiddling with the dangerous things, a danger which no warning seems sufficient to prevent the morbid desire to court. We understand that deceased had opened and emptied a good many, perhaps twenty, of these shells, successfully, receiving about a pound each for the operation. We cannot refrain from remarking that in our opinion anyone who offers or bargains with a man to risk his life and the lives of others about him for a sum of money, whether it be twenty pounds or one, without the collateral inducement of some high or worthy object, is guilty of that man's death and morally responsible to the community for it. If some benefit to humanity or if adequate public advantage might possibly result from emptying these missiles, we, as utilitarians, would not consider that a life should be allowed to stand in the way of the work being done, but when, as in these instances, no beneficial object is sought nor even possible to come from the operation, he does a despicable thing who tempts his fellow creature to his destruction.

#### THE CYCLE SPORTS.

Last Sunday's Sports it will be remembered were confined to the Cycle Races, and a capital meeting was organised, reflecting great credit on the Committee. The prizes were numerous and costly. The Band of the Bechuanaland Rifles played between the performances. The Totalisator was well patronised, and the afternoon was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. The first race, the One Mile Siege Championship, was taken by Mitchell; Dobie making a good second. Both of these are men of the Bechuanaland Rifles, which corps, to their credit, be it said, managed to secure nearly all the prizes. A Ladies Race was down on the programme, but as there was no entry an Officers Race was run instead. This was won by Lieutenant Hope. The Team Race fell to the Rifles, as did the Costume Race, *qua* race, which was won by Sergeant-Major Gwyne, while the Costume Prize went to Cpt. Mackenzie for his excellent get-up as a Matabele warrior. Dobie and Mitchell came 1st and 2nd respectively in the Handicap, with Moss as a fair third. The Three Lap Race,

walk a lap, ride a lap, run a lap, was a most closely contested event. The nimble Crosskill making the race in the last lap (running), having saved himself in the first two laps, the whole field, with Congdon twenty yards in front, getting ahead of him at the beginning of the lap. One third round the course he had the field well in hand, half way over he tackled Congdon, coming in at the finish with ten yards to spare.

#### PROGRAMME OF SUNDAY'S CONCERT AT THE MASONIC HALL.

1. Song, "Irish Jubilee," Mr. Adams
2. Song, "The Lads in Red," Mr. Layton
3. Song, "Alone on the Raft," Mrs. Lees
4. Recitation ... Mr. Sherlock Holmes
5. Song (selected) ... Mr. Campbell
6. Comic Song, "It's Comin' on Again," Mr. Wedderburn

Interval of 5 Minutes.

1. Song, "... The Holy City," Mr. Hall
2. Song, "The Coster's Sister," Mr. King
3. Song, "... "Mona," Mr. Crittenden
4. Song, "The Song for me," Mrs. Lees
5. Sketoh ... Mr. Corney Grain
6. Ventriloquism ... Mr. Lees

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Messrs. Grayson and Taylor have kindly promised to act as accompanists.

#### NOW THE BOERS ARE BEGINNING TO ENJOY THEMSELVES.

Native rumours say that the natives in the Transvaal are looting farms, in the absence of the farmers.

#### FREEMASONRY.

B.B. are reminded that the photograph of all who are in the Garrison will be taken on Sunday, 3-30 p.m., outside the Masonic Hotel. Full clothing.

#### Mafeking Garrison.

##### GENERAL ORDERS

By Colonel R. S. S. Baden-Powell, Commanding Frontier Force.

MAFEKING, 23RD FEBRUARY, 1900.

It is probable that the enemy will try to force natives to come into Mafeking as refugees, in order that we may have to feed them. Outposts should, therefore, be warned to refuse to pass in any except despatch runners and armed natives who have gone out to get cattle. No large parties to be admitted.

*Court of Summary Jurisdiction.*—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet on Saturday, the 24th February, at the Court House, at 10-15 a.m., for the examination of such prisoners as may be brought before it. President: H.H. Major Gould-Adams, C.B., C.M.G. Member: Major F. W. Panzera.

*Assessment Committee.*—The Assessment Committee will meet on Sunday, the 25th instant, at Dixon's Hotel at 10 a.m. Owners attending at the above place and hour will be informed about what time the Committee will arrive at their respective houses.

#### WANTED

A HOUSE KEEPER, young, and of an affectionate disposition, to wait upon two Bachelors in the Brickfields. Short hours; impartial inquiry into references: none but the comely need apply.

LA MAISONNETTE,  
THE BRICKFIELDS.

#### FOR SALE

A FIRST-CLASS HAND CAMERA, holding 12 Slides  $\frac{1}{2}$  Plate, Best make and guaranteed in perfect order. Particulars and price from

"PHOTO," this Office.

#### AUCTION SALE.

THE undersigned, duly instructed by the Executors of the following Estates, viz.:

CAPT. R. H. GIRDWOOD,  
J. CALVERT,

will sell by Public Auction,

ON SUNDAY, at 10-30 a.m.,

#### WITHOUT RESERVE,

Utensils, Carpenter's Tools, Clothing, etc., etc., also 1 Gent.'s Saddle, 1 M.M. Sporting Carbine, 303, with Cartridges, 750 Shot Cartridges, ETC., ETC.

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Saturday, February 24th, 1900.

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The Mafeking Mail.

Mafeking Garrison.

SATURDAY, 24TH FEBRUARY, 1900

### THE SOUP KITCHEN.

A visit to our Soup Kitchen at giving out time, with his camera, would cause the snap-shot fiend a thrill of unholy joy. It is decidedly a promising subject for his plates and an interesting spectacle for anyone to see that mixture of races outside waiting for a share of the racy mixture inside. Certainly the scene is picturesque and thus differs entirely from the Winter Soup doling in Spitalfields or any of the squalid quarters of our big towns at home. There, the sight is one of blank despairing misery, there is no picturesqueness in those pinched cheeks and filthy tatters, while nothing suggestive of humour can be discerned, to relieve in any way its ghastly hideousness. The average spectator ever after regrets having witnessed the sight, as recognising the hopelessness of any attempt to wipe away that fearful smirch on civilisation's face, he tries to blot out of his mind the haunting recollection of those starved beings, and soothe the uncomfortable feeling it has created, by subscribing to an elaborate organization that will spend sixteen shillings from each sovereign he gives, in dispensing the other four amongst begging-letter writing professors, and reformed (?) pulbirds. Here the Soup Kitchen visitors can chatter and laugh about their short food, and make fun on finding only a bit of bone in his tin while the boy next him has big lumps of meat in his. These soup takers have not suffered from starvation all their lives as those at home have. They have not been produced and reared on starvation, and the momentary glimpses they have had at the gaunt spectre, has not been sufficient for them to distinguish and become scared at its fleshless jaws. Besides are they not faring now as millions of our "submerged tenth" would be only too glad to fare, and if the authorities can supply them each day till the end of the Siege with such a savory potfull as they are now having there will be little cause for complaint amongst the Natives.

### LOCAL MEMS.

A brown paper parcel containing "Good Fors" printed for the Mafeking Hotel, has miscarried. Townshead & Son would be obliged to anyone for information as to where the parcel is lying so that they might send for it.

The Boers draw first white blood at the Brickfields yesterday when Pte. Churchhill, of the Bechuanaland Rifles, got his neck scored just behind the ear with a fragment of an explosive bullet. Murphy, the Ambulance attendant stationed at Currie's Post, thus got some practice, his first at this place. After the enemy has spent so many thousands of rounds and effected so little, the credit of best marksmanship must certainly go to our men, who, facing them at the same ranges, have knocked over more than ten times as many as they have, with less than one-tenth of the expenditure in ammunition.

### GENERAL ORDERS

By Colonel R. S. S. Baden-Powell, Commanding Frontier Force.

MAFEKING, 23RD FEBRUARY, 1900.

*Ordnance Shops.*—A. Braidwood, Assistant Moulder, was discharged at his own request on the 18th instant, and struck off the strength accordingly. J. Campbell to be Assistant Moulder, vice A. Braidwood discharged, with pay at rate of 10s. per diem, from 20th instant inclusive.

*Records of Service.*—When any man's name is favourably mentioned in General Orders, a note of such favourable mention is to be invariably entered in the Man's Record of Service.

MAFEKING, 24TH FEBRUARY, 1900.

*Court of Summary Jurisdiction.*—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet on Monday, the 26th February, at the Court House, at 10-15 a.m., for the examination of such prisoners as may be brought before it. President: H.H. Major Gould-Adams, G.B., C.M.G. Member: Colonel C. O. Horne.

*Visiting Justice.*—The Visiting Justice to the Mafeking Gail for the ensuing week will be C. G. H. Bell, Esq., C.C. & R.M.

*Brigade Signalling Instructor.*—Sergt. Moffatt is granted the acting rank of Sergeant-Major while performing the duties of Brigade Instructor of Signalling.

*Brigade Signallers.*—The following will take effect from this day's date inclusive:

Signaller McKean, Prot. Regiment, Signaller Hall, Bechuanaland Rifles, are raised to the higher rate of 1s. per diem.

Trooper Garland, B.S.A.P., is granted 2nd class rate of 8d. per diem.

By order,

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Chief Staff Officer.

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### A GRAND CONCERT

WILL BE HELD AT THE

MASONIC HALL,

— ON —

Sunday, February 25th 1900,

(The 29th Sunday of the Siege.)

AT 5 P.M.

Prices of Admission, 1s.  
Reserved Seats 4s.

Proceeds to be given to the Sports and  
Prize Funds.

Early application for Reserved Seats,  
of which there will be but a limited number, must be made to

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February 24th, 1900

Mafeking Garrison.

### GENERAL ORDERS

At 10.00 a.m. 24th Feb 1900.

1. The Garrison of Mafeking is hereby notified that the following orders have been issued by the Commanding Officer, Mafeking Garrison, and are to be strictly observed by all members of the Garrison.

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### THE SOUP KITCHEN.

The Soup Kitchen is open daily from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. for the purpose of supplying the Garrison with soup. The following orders have been issued by the Commanding Officer, Mafeking Garrison, and are to be strictly observed by all members of the Garrison.

### LEGAL MEMO.

The following legal notice is hereby given: [Text of legal notice]

### AUCTION SALE.

The following goods are to be sold by auction on Sunday, 26th Feb 1900, at 10.30 a.m. without reserve. The goods include: [List of goods]

### A GRAND CONCERT

MASONIC HALL

Sunday February 25th 1900

Prices of Admission 1s. Reserved Seats 2s.

Programme of the Concert

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Monday, February 26th, 1900.

137th Day of Siege

The Mafeking Mail.

MONDAY, 26TH FEBRUARY, 1900.

### LATEST NEWS.

Runners who came in this morning have not brought us the much desired news. In fact, practically no news of any kind has come. This is accounted for by a break-down of the wire between Salisbury and Beira. Probably the weightiness of the intelligence from Ladysmith proved too much for a lightly constructed line.

His Honour the Mayor received this morning from Her Majesty the Queen the following reply to his wire of January 30th. We print both telegram and reply:

From Whiteley,  
Mayor, Mafeking.

To Her Majesty the Queen,  
c/o Lord Salisbury,  
London.

January 20th, 1900.

Mafeking, upon the 100th day of the Siege, sends loyal devotion to Your Majesty, and assurances of continued resolve to maintain Your Majesty's supremacy in this town.

V.R. Mayor of Mafeking.

Thanks for telegram. With me the whole nation watch with admiration and confidence your cheerful and determined defence.

By the courtesy of the Colonel Commanding we are enabled to publish the following official

### INFORMATION.

News from the North to-day, dated the 20th February, is that Colonel Plumer is still occupying Crocodile Pools, facing the Boers, and is also occupying Kanye. He has already received his first instalment of reinforcements, and another was just starting from Salisbury. He is perfecting all arrangements for assisting us.

News from the South is very meagre, as the telegraph line between Beira and Salisbury is washed away, but report by runner from Beira says that Kimberley was relieved by General French (who has probably gone to Modder River in place of Lord Methuen, invalided).

News from the Boer hager is that they have been told two or three times to come back to Pretoria, but they are now afraid to do so, as by so doing they would leave the Border open to us to invade the Marico, etc.

On Thursday and Friday last three guns with 150 men went away Northward under Snyman, and yesterday the men returned, apparently having left the guns somewhere North. From Lichtenburg it is reported that the English were re-constructing the railway North of Kimberley; some Boers endeavoured to cut them off, and were themselves surrounded and cut up.

In a fight between Scholtz Nek and Koodoodam the Boers were defeated and scattered. They looted the white flag but the British took no notice of it. Cronje was shot through the shoulders.

### MEMS.

Natives from Batwane state that a Dutch Missionary near Kanye has received a notice from his son to sell everything he has got, as the English have defeated the Boers.

Rumour at Beira says that Kimberley was relieved by General French on the 15th inst. The statement is generally discredited.

Generals Tucker and Nicholson have arrived in South Africa and take command of the Seventh and Eighth Divisions respectively.

Constable Turner is in Bulawayo Hospital and his condition gives rise to grave anxiety, but Sergt.-Major Harris is making good progress.

The following Wires are copied from the "Bulawayo Chronicle" of Jan. 22nd:—

Durhan, January 13th.—According to an authorised statement in the *Advertiser*, our scouts found the Boers had evacuated all the strong positions near Colenso. It is believed that the enemy has retired towards Ladysmith.

East London, Jan. 16th.—The official list of the casualties of the Ladysmith fight is not obtainable in the Colony, although it has been sent to London.

Capetown, 16th.—The casualties amongst the Colonial troops at Ladysmith on January 16th were: Imperial Light Horse, killed 18; dangerously wounded, 1. Border Mounted Rifles killed, 4. Volunteers killed, 2; Imperial Light Horse casualties on January 6th were: Lieuts. Adams, Peakman, killed; Major Karri-Davis, Major Doveton, Lieut. Campbell, Surgeon Hornahrook and Capt. Smith, wounded.

January 15th.—The Boers were reported to have evacuated their positions at Magersfontein.

January 6th.—The entrenchments at Modder River are being strengthened. The Bridge has been repaired for traffic. All the drifts are impassable.

January 16th.—Lord Methuen is reported to have received spinal injuries.

January 16th.—The Boer loss at Stormberg is reported, by an escaped prisoner, to have been very heavy.

Colonel Eager has lost his leg. General French shelled the Boer camp near Colosberg on Saturday (13th Jan.) and captured five prisoners and a quantity of ammunition.

The Boers, from a strong position commanding Slingerfontein, took advantage of a dust-storm to shell our camp. The Artillery replied and the enemy was silenced and had to seek shelter.

Major Mackenzie has been promoted to the command of the Suffolks.

General Kelly Kenny and Staff landed at Port Elizabeth on Jan. 15th and went to De Aar immediately.

Lord Roberts is at Capetown. Capetown, January 15th.—The *Gaika* has brought the first instalment of the Queen's gift of chocolate to the troops.

January 16th.—The Sunnyside rebels have been brought before the Magistrate and remanded.

It is denied that the Schwalbe brought out Eloff.

Mr. Robert Mitchell, late sub-editor of the *Star*, has died at Ladysmith of enteric fever. He leaves a wife and several children.

London, January 13th.—Reuter learns that the Imperial Government has decided that foodstuffs in neutral vessels destined for neutral ports are not liable to seizure except the manifests show that the foodstuffs are intended for the enemy.

The Victorian Parliament has enthusiastically sanctioned the expense of a second contingent.

The Queensland Parliament has proposed to increase the Australian Contingent by five thousand men. New South Wales has acquiesced.

Weruer Beit & Co. have subscribed £50,000 towards the expense of the out-fit of the Imperial Yeomanry.

Mr. Balfour, speaking at Manchester, said the War Office realised that a vast mounted force was required, which would be provided before the war ended. They also recognised that guns, between Field and Garrison Artillery, should form part of the equipment.

14th.—The Legislative Council of Ceylon has voted the expenses connected with the equipment of a Mounted Contingent for service in South Africa, to be called the Lumsden Horse.

India will send another 500 Volunteers from Upper India. The corps is rapidly forming.

The Imperial Government has accepted Lord Strathoun's offer to equip and maintain in the field 400 Mounted Canadians.

Mr. Balfour, speaking at Manchester, said the present crisis spelled consolidation, not dissolution, to the empire.

Two-thirds of the Behar Light Horse have volunteered for service in South Africa.

The Indian Native States have offered 1,260 horses for the war in South Africa.

The City of London Volunteers have sailed for South Africa in the *Briton*.

Several German warships have been ordered to Capetown from Delagoa, Germany allowing the right of search to England. The Emperor has stopped Krupp from dispatching shells to England.

Jan. 15th.—The Mansion House Fund exceeds half a million sterling.

The Telegraph Fund amounts to 2,000,000 shillings.

Twelve additional Batteries of Field Artillery leave England before the end of the month.

The *Umbosa* and the *Nile* left for the Cape on the 14th with 3,500 men.

The Castle and Union Liners have been withdrawn from the Delagoa trade.

The Imperial Parliament was summoned for January 30th.

Charters were 58s. in London on January 9th, and rising as the following quotations of the 12th will show:—

|            |    |     |   |   |
|------------|----|-----|---|---|
| Rand Mines | .. | £31 | 0 | 0 |
| East Rand  | .. | 5   | 5 | 0 |
| Charters   | .. | 3   | 1 | 0 |
| De Beers   | .. | 25  | 0 | 0 |

Not much chance for a "bear," war or no war.

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# THE MAFEKING MAIL

## SPECIAL SIEGE SLIP.

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Tuesday, February 27th, 1900.

138th Day of Siege.

### The Mafeking Mail.

TUESDAY, 27TH FEBRUARY, 1900.

Majuba Day, February, 27th, the date that has to bear the entire weight of those enormous laurels we have heard Boer press and pulpit so garishly extol for nearly two decades, and bragged of whenever Boers congregate, whether in market place or their dung-floored and flea-haunted family mansions, has passed without their valor prompting them to make one last effort to take Mafeking. The Boer's day is over. The Lion is old, perhaps fat and slow, and the length it had to stretch was great, but it has reached it, and the pressure of its pads, which was light and velvety till the Bahoon tried to wriggle from under it, is now squeezing his life out and the claws are beginning to hurt him. From day to day henceforth disintegration will progress and any morning we awaken to find ourselves free and with an opportunity to strike back—then may Providence still be kind and nerve the British to give such a blow as will for ever stamp out all desire to rebel at the Supremacy of the only power entitled to rule South Africa.

Although there is in the news received yesterday no confirmatory information concerning the position of Ladysmith, on the other hand there is nothing actually contradictory to the indemonstrable conclusion we arrived at three weeks ago, i.e., that Ladysmith was relieved early in the last week of January. This belief we still adhere to as the only published information opposed to it is the sneer, in the truthful *Standard and Diggers* of the 26th January, that if Buller wanted to relieve Ladysmith he did not seem in a hurry about starting.

Unless the class from which the City of London Volunteers are recruited is changed since we were young (a period of time quite sufficient to admit of enormous alterations we are loth to admit) terrible will be the hardships they will suffer. That they will conduct themselves courageously in the field there is no question because they come of the right old stock, but, apart from the wretchedness caused by no ballet to see, no music hall at which to listen, and to stare, what will the poor Johannies do when they fail to find a toilet cloth? and what, what will happen if the commissariat omit to provide tooth-picks.

### MEMS.

We understand on reliable authority that the Boer trenches round Mafeking are manned mostly by Natives. Snyman has been obliged to send a number of his burghers to reinforce those opposed to Colonel Plumer, and we believe a certain number have been sent South.

From Native sources it is gathered that during the fighting round Kimberley the Free State Boers lost heavily. This may account for the rumour we heard a few days ago from the same source that the Free State Government sent to Pretoria

stating they would have to make terms with the British if the Transvaal did not reinforce their commandos.

The Chiel Batboen is alive to the fact that several of his people are pinned up in Mafeking. He has accordingly strengthened certain posts in the neighbourhood of the Border ready to receive them whenever they may feel disposed to break through the Boer cordon, which is at present a weak one.

The outlook from our point of view has considerably brightened, and in two or three weeks' time there is no doubt the position of the garrison will be greatly altered for the better. The general spirit of the defenders is hopeful and cheery, while that outside our lines is gradually assuming a despondency and weak-hearted form which indicates the state of their minds as regards the future.

### LATEST NEWS.

By the courtesy of the Colonel Commanding we are enabled to publish the following official

#### INFORMATION.

A man was sent to Saane's to get us some news, and besides the following items, he corroborates the statement of four men who arrived yesterday from the same place.

Botha came from the North during last week and asked Snyman for men to fight Plumer. Snyman went up there with a lot of men and guns. There are now only a few Boers at McMullin's with ninety Natives, and at Kromdraai there are also a few, with thirty Natives.

There has been an order from Pretoria calling all the Dutch forces on the Eastern Borders to Pretoria, and opinion is equally divided as to whether or not they should obey this order.

Pohe, a Rietfontein Native, who had been with Cronje's Commandoes at De Aar, Modder River, etc., came home during last week and reported that there had been a heavy fight near Kimberley, where all of the Dutch forces were scattered and driven towards the Free State Border. After the bridge at Modder River had been repaired and the line constructed till very close to Kimberley, some Boers went behind the English and destroyed it. Some troops from behind came up and surrounded these Boers and killed nearly all of them. After this another fight took place and Cronje was shot through the shoulders. The troops began to arrive in Kimberley the second week in February and the line is being re-constructed North of Kimberley.

Balerileng came from Potchefstroom and gave corroborative information gleaned from the Boers there, who says that 6,000 of their men were killed near Kimberley and many more in Natal. They speak fearfully of the guns used by the English. He also heard from a German Missionary at Polfontein that the English force is now pressing towards Pretoria from all round.

All the Dutch women and children have been taken away from near the place.

### Mafeking Garrison.

#### GENERAL ORDERS

By Colonel R. S. S. Baden-Powell, Commanding Frontier Force.

MAFEKING, 27TH FEBRUARY, 1900.

*Court of Summary Jurisdiction.*—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet on Wednesday, the 28th February, at the Court House, at 10-15 a.m., for the examination of such prisoners as may be brought before it. President: Lieut.-Col. C. E. Vyvyan. Member: Major F. W. Panzera.

*Office Hours (D.A.A.G.).*—Persons having general business with the D.A.A.G., without appointment, are requested to note that Captain Ryan cannot be seen, except between the hours of 10 a.m. and 12 noon.

*Dog Licences.*—With reference to General Order No. 6, of the 20th instant, it is notified that dogs, the property of persons serving in a military or official capacity under the Imperial Government or Bechuanaland Protectorate Administration and actually residing and kennelling their dogs within the limits of the Imperial Reserve, commonly known as the "Military Reserve," Mafeking, are exempted from payment of dog licences. Every person keeping a dog must, however, have it duly registered and obtain a ticket for it, but, under the abovementioned exemption, such tickets will be issued free.

*Sacks (Commissariat Yard).*—Any persons given the use of sacks for removal of forage, etc., should return them, as soon as possible, to the Commissariat Yard. Those persons who do not so return them will be charged with their value, as sacks to replace them has to be bought.

*Sale of Extras.*—It is notified that, pending receipt of more definite information regarding the probable further duration of the Siege, no sales of extras can be permitted from the 1st of March inclusive until further orders.

By order,

E. H. CECIL, Major,  
Chief Staff Officer.

### NOTICE.

#### In re the Estate of the late JAMES DALL.

ALL persons having claims against the above Estate are requested to forward same as soon as possible to Mr. H. G. Early, who is acting for me under a Power of Attorney.

All accounts owing to the same Estate must be paid to him immediately at Early Bros.' store.

CATHERINE H. DALL,  
Executrix.

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### The Mafeking Mail.

THURSDAY, 1st MARCH, 1900.

#### SECOND AFTERNOON CONCERT AT THE MASONIC HALL.

The Concert of Sunday last was a grand success. We had prepared an exhaustive report for insertion in Monday's issue but more anxiously looked for news from the outer world coming to hand, even though a month old, the Concert naturally gave it the floor. By the same cause it was crowded out of yesterday's slip and this morning another of those rudely hasty shells came into the printing office and—God knows where that "copy" is. We don't. Trying to write new copy we find that the shell report when it burst in the editorial sanctum entirely knocked the concert report out of the editorial cranium, but we can recollect the crowded Hall although the seats were four shillings each, at which everybody grumbled—but paid, the sweet singing of Mrs. Lees, and the uproarious laughter at the recitation of Sherlock Holmes, and the sketch of Corney Grain, an oh! the facial expression, that, we shall never forget, nor the worried physiognomy of the Sergt.-Major, as time passed and supplementary turns were put up and still the celebrated scientific detective had not appeared, and how the said face relaxed and resumed its usual placidity when he finally did appear. This is all we can remember about the concert except the programme, which was as follows:—A capital opener, "The Irish Jubilee," by Mr. Adams, put every one in good humour, although it was twenty minutes, after the published time before a start was made. The popular Sergeant-Major Layton sang "The Lads in Red." Mrs. Lees next gave "Alone on the Raft" and the lady got an ovation that shewed the audience appreciated good music. The Rev. W. H. Weekes sang "The Gallant Salamander" with his usual ability. Mr. Wedderburn next sang "It's comin' on again," and when, referring to the chorus, he told the audience to "let it go," they just did. Mr. Taylor at the piano sang two comic pieces, which were much appreciated, then the Ker—uo, Sherlock Holmes come on and made everybody's sides ache. The second part went through with the proper swing. It was "The Holy City," by Mr. Hall; "The Coster's Sister," by Mr. King; "Moua," by Mr. Crittenden; "The Song for Me," by Mrs. Lees; Sketch, by Mr. Corney Grain; while Ventrilism, by Mr. Lees concluded a first-class entertainment. Messrs. Grayson and Taylor, at the piano, were excellent. The result of the bookings was, as before mentioned, Ten Pounds Fifteen Shillings handed over to the Sports and Prizes Funds.

#### NARROW ESCAPES.

When the shell just mentioned came into our office Mr. S. Hall, of the Railway, and Paymaster to the Bechuanaland Rifles, with Mr. Hampson, Produce Merchant, were within a few feet of the explosion.

Beyond scratched beads—and on the part of Mr. Hall a bruised arm—they fortunately escaped injury, a fact on which we offer them our cordial congratulations. May they be safely underground the next time a ninety-four pounder bursts near them, is our ambiguous but sincere wish.

#### NOTICE.

A letter has been sent to General Snyman by the Colonel Commanding to the following effect:—

That as General Snyman has used armed Natives for the invasion of our territory, and is employing them directly against us, the Colonel proposes to act in a similar manner.

If, therefore, the armed Natives are not withdrawn across the Border by the 3rd proximo, and the Chief Saani restored to his people, steps will be taken for carrying into effect an invasion of the Marico and Rustenburg Districts by Linchwe, Khama, Batboen, etc.

#### Mafeking Garrison.

##### GENERAL ORDERS

By Colonel R. S. S. Baden-Powell, Commanding Frontier Force.

MAFEKING, 28th FEBRUARY, 1900.

The Colonel Commanding has much pleasure in placing on record a clever and plucky piece of scouting performed on Monday night by Sergt.-Major Taylor and Private Oliphant in the Brickfields. These men made their way close to one of the Boer outposts and listened to the conversation of the men; then, got in the Boer communication trench and inspected the rear of their work and returned through their outposts, having gained useful information as to their disposition, etc.

It is regretted that two men were wounded in the Brickfields on Monday night mainly through their own carelessness in exposing themselves above the parapet, and in lighting pipes in view of the enemy.

The enemy having kept their Krupp and one-pounder Maxim hidden away the past week or more, we rigged up a Dummy Armoured Truck with a stove-pipe gun to the South of the Stadt in order to tempt out and to see if they were still here. The trick was a complete success, both these guns and the big gun have, in the course of the day, wasted a large amount of ammunition on the Dummy. For a time the quick-firing guns turned on our horses and cattle, but these were very quickly driven in out of danger. The cattle and horse-guards are highly to be complimented on their coolness and good work under the heavy fire, notably Troopers White and Ekstein, Cape Police, and it is thanks to their efficient work that we had not a heavy list of casualties among the animals.

Field General Court Martial.—A Field General Court Martial, composed as under, will assemble on Friday, the 2nd prox., at such place and time as the President may appoint, for the trial of the prisoner named

in the margin, \* and of such other prisoners as may be brought before it.

\* No. 261, Trooper W. A. Fauldsin, Protectorate Regiment.

PRESIDENT: Captain Marsh, Protectorate Regiment.

MEMBERS: A Subaltern, Protectorate Regiment; a Subaltern, Bechuanaland Rifles.

The prisoner will be warned and all witnesses directed to attend. Proceedings to be forwarded to the Chief Staff Officer.

Countersign.—A Countersign will be used nightly in future and will be duly notified. As Sentries are very confused, apparently, as to the proper form of challenge, great care should be taken to make the following clear to them on posting:—

On seeing any person approaching they should challenge: "Halt, who goes there," after receiving the reply they should call out: "Advance one and give the Countersign"; if this is correct they will say as usual: "Pass Friend" (or "Grand" or "Visiting Rounds" as the case may be) and "All's Well."

MAFEKING, 1st MARCH, 1900.

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By order,

E. H. CECIL, Major,  
Chief Staff Officer.

#### Correspondence

Hold over till to-morrow for want of space.

#### NOTICE.

##### Situation Required.

WHEREAS MARY, a Massarwa, 16 years, believed a good household servant, is at present confined in the Mafeking Gaol, and there being no suitable women's accommodation for the same, the Court of Summary Jurisdiction are prepared to indenture, for a definite period, the said Mary according to law, to any suitable person willing to take her as a servant. Application should be made to Mr. Heale, the Gaoler.

#### ASSESSMENT OF PROPERTY.

List of names of owners whose property will be assessed on Sunday next, 4th March:—

|            |                     |
|------------|---------------------|
| Erf No. 45 | J. A. Hill          |
| " 45       | Bechuanaland Rifles |
| " 31       | St. John's Rectory  |
| " 12       | N. D. Farquharson   |
| " 17       | J. L. Reid          |
|            | (Agent: J. Winter)  |
| " 12       | W. C. Bland         |
| " 7        | E. Isaacs           |
| " 64       | S. Cohen & Son      |
| " 63       | I. Améd             |
| " 64       | C. Williams         |
| " 63       | Ahbul Gaffor        |
|            | D. Webster          |
| " 92       | H. H. Bradley       |
| " 110      | J. G. Stenson       |
| " ? 124    | R. Spiers.          |



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### The Mafeking Mail.

FRIDAY, 2ND MARCH, 1900.

By the courtesy of Captain More, Railway Division, we are able to publish the following extract from a letter he received, dated February 19th, 1900. Miles, i.e., 85 miles North of Mafeking. His correspondent is Mr. H. Wallis.

"Last Sunday night (Feb. 11th) Colonel Plumer made an attack on the Boer fort, in which I volunteered to attempt to blow up their 124 pounder. We left camp at 11 o'clock and marched all night slowly. We had about 200 men. I had about six with dynamite fuse, caps, hammers, etc. It was going to be a hayonet job. We all marched to within 60 yards of the fort and the front rank advanced, cheering, up to the walls of the fort, but the wily Boer was on the wait and gave us a perfect hailstorm of Mauser bullets and discharged three shells amongst us. One exploded a few yards to my left and a big stone caught me on the posterior, but did no harm other than to cause me to lie down. Captain French was killed and four others, with 23 wounded, two of whom died afterwards. After 20 minutes' Mauser hailstorm we were ordered to retire; we did this under shelling and Mausering. I didn't feel funky but it sobered me for several days. It was two days after before I began to look on war as a big joke again. Major Straker was shot through the breast, but the bullet did not touch the lung, and he is getting on. Col. Harry White was shot through the thigh. The Boers shell us pretty frequently and so we do. There they have a laager with a big gun, three Maxims and a small Maxim, just between Ramoutas and the Notwani River, and they occupy the hills facing Crocodile Pools Siding, whilst we occupy the hills right and left of the Metsimasuane 100 ft. bridge. The Boers have on their fort a 124-pound Maxim - Nordenfeldt, and a 1-pound Nordenfeldt, which fires dear little shells. I have any amount of 124 pounder shells which I picked up. Only yesterday a shell has fallen six yards from me and I picked it up about five minutes after it fell. It wasn't as hot as one might have expected after such a long aerial journey. Col. Plumer is a regular brick, and is a first-rate soldier to my idea. Day before yesterday a patrol of ours stumbled across a big party of Boers at the little kopje to the West of Crocodile Pools Siding, who had evidently come out to attack us. Lieut. Blunt was wounded and another man shot through the shoulder."

### Mafeking Garrison.

#### GENERAL ORDERS

By Colonel R. S. S. Baden-Powell, Commanding Frontier Force.

MAFEKING, 1ST MARCH, 1900.

In continuation of yesterday's General Order, commending the behaviour of the men in charge of horses under enemy shell fire yesterday, Captain Marsh—who himself took a conspicuous part in helping to drive the horses in—highly commends the pluck and good work of Tpr. Webb.

Cape Police, and Trooper Paxton, "B" Squadron, Protectorate Regiment.

The new Howitzer, made at the Ordnance Foundry, under the direction of Major Panzera, went through most satisfactory trials yesterday. The Colonel Commanding sanctions the issue of a special gratuity of £5 to Foreman Conolly, and other proportionate sums to the members of his able staff, as a mark of his appreciation of their good work in improvising the Foundry and successfully turning out both ammunition and this useful addition to our defensive armaments.

**Food-stuffs (Declaration of).**—As it appears that several stocks of Food-stuffs have been overlooked by owners in making their declarations, a further opportunity is now offered for them to declare any that was omitted before. The penalty for non-declaration will be a heavy one.

**Vegetables (Safeguarding of).**—As it is necessary for our food supply that the crops of Meales and Vegetables should be strictly preserved, every officer and man should give his help in the Natives to keep away thieves from the crops and shoot anyone, white or Native, who trespasses in a field. And, any thief or trespasser, white or black, will be liable on conviction to be flogged.

**Persons possessing Cattle.**—Persons possessing Cattle and desirous of selling the same are requested to communicate with Capt. Ryan, D.A.A.G.(h); their application will be passed to the Government Buyer, who will inspect the cattle and report on them.

MAFEKING, 2ND MARCH, 1900.

**Ordnance Staff.**—With reference to yesterday's mention of the ability of the Railway men working in the Ordnance Shops, the Colonel Commanding wishes to express his appreciation of the good workmanship and zeal of Assistant Foreman Coughlan, without whose skillful and ready assistance the work could not have been so successfully carried out.

**Court of Summary Jurisdiction.**—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet on Saturday, the 3rd March, at the Court House, at 10-15 a.m., for the examination of such prisoners as may be brought before it. President: Lieut.-Col. C. B. Vyvyan. Member: Major F. W. Panzera.

**Assessment Committee.**—The Assessment Committee will meet on Sunday, the 4th March, at Dixon's Hotel at 10 a.m. Owners attending at the above place and hour will be informed about what time the Committee will arrive at their respective houses.

**Promotion.**—Private Godson, Railway Division, is granted the acting rank of Corporal while in charge of the Hotchkiss Gun, to date from 1st instant.

By order,

E. H. CECIL, Major,  
Chief Staff Officer.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

Surrey Hotel,  
Mafeking, Feb. 28th, 1900.

To the Editor Mafeking Mail.

SIR,—As a late member of the "City of London Volunteers" I feel it my duty to

take up the gauntlet which you, doubtless unconsciously, threw down in your leaderette in last night's slip.

I should like to point out to you that the term "City of London Volunteers," as known at home, and which was no doubt meant in Reuter's telegram, comprises the 1st, 2nd and 3rd City of London Rifles and the 1st City of London Artillery. The term must be taken quite separately from the "Metropolitans" or "London Volunteers," which is a term used for the official name, "The Home Districts Volunteers." Out of the four Corps I have mentioned three are recruited entirely from the lower or working classes, and the other one is composed for the main part of young men in first-class City houses, (i.e., business men) and not the sort of men who (volunteering for active service in foreign parts) would miss their toilet clubs (if ever they belonged to one) or their tooth-picks either. Of course I know that amongst the "London Volunteers" there are certain Corps which recruit chiefly from the "Johnny" class, but I can, if necessary, recount some of the work done by these Corps, while at Aldershot, for their yearly training, which would lead you to alter your opinion even if you "enlarged" your term to "London Volunteers." I trust, that out of justice, which is due to my old Corps and the other Corps comprising the "City of London Volunteers," you will publish these few lines in your valuable columns.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

J. HOFMANN,

(Late 1st City of London Rifle Brigade.)

[We did not know the term "City of London Volunteers" applied to others than the City of London Rifles, the 1st Brigade of which we had particularly in mind at the time of writing; indeed that is the only Corps we had any special acquaintance with—an acquaintance which was obtained through having belonged to the Cadets thereof. Certainly, we could not do other than recognise the merit and worth of all the London Volunteers, and honour them for volunteering for South Africa, besides, is it not a matter of common knowledge that the "dandiest" are amongst our very best soldiers?—En.]

### AUCTION SALE

On Sunday, 4th March, 1900

ALDRED & ROSS,

Duly instructed, will sell WITHOUT RESERVE, the following articles:—

Lee-Metford Rifle, with Ammunition, 1 D.B. Shot Gun, 1 Revolver with Cartridges, Blankets, Tinware, Furniture, Second-hand Clothing, Portmanteaus, Bags, etc.

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No. 83 Thursday, March 1st, 1900 140th Day of Siege

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SECOND AFTERNOON CONCERT AT THE MASONIC HALL.

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When the shell fell on the roof of the building, it caused a great deal of damage to the roof and the walls. The building was badly damaged, and the roof was completely destroyed. The walls were also badly damaged, and the building was in a very bad state of repair.



# THE MAFEKING MAIL

## SPECIAL SIEGE SLIP.

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No 85

Monday, March 5th, 1900.

144th Day of Siege

### The Mafeking Mail.

MONDAY, 5TH MARCH, 1900.

#### "LABBY" FLABBY.

We learn that shortly before the intelligence last received was sent from London, Mr. Labouchere called a Mass Meeting at Northampton to protest against the continuance of this war, which he terms an iniquitous war. In this Mr. Labouchere is inconsistent. He publicly announced his intention and the intention of the extreme section of tin-thumping objectionists he collaborates with, to wave internal differences and present an united front to the common foe. Now the foe for which he had such sympathy is getting the chastising he so well merits. Mr. Labouchere cries: "Let him alone! When I said I would stand quiet I did not know you could hit so hard." However, it is very comforting to know that his constituents are true whatever their representative may be, for they manifested their disapproval of his proceedings by preventing the meeting, wrecking the platform, and send Labby home on a stretcher where we hope he will remain at least till the Transvaal matter is settled beyond all possibility of his exercising baneful influence upon it.

#### ARABIAN NIGHT'S TALE.

A boy was captured this morning near Major Godley's post and forwarded into town. He told a nice little tale. We are always disposed to receive the tales told by captured Natives coming from the Boer lines as deserving consideration, if not credence. The following reads too much like what we have heard before to be entitled to the latter, but in favour of it having some semblance to truth there exists the fact that, notwithstanding the boy being threatened with extreme punishment of the law if his statements turned out to be untrue, he still persisted in his asseveration as follows:—

"I got a pass from the Magistrate on Saturday last to go to Kayna, and after crossing the Boer lines I thought I was safe when suddenly they fired on me. I lay flat and they came up to me and took me prisoner. They were eight Boers and ten Bahurutshes. They took me to the laager where I was told to return to Mafeking. They sent me back yesterday afternoon, escorted by three men. There was great activity in that (Western Laager) laager all yesterday. The Boers were packing up their things and the Natives told me that the Boers are preparing to leave. I myself saw them disarming the Natives and telling them Snyman would come to dismiss them in the morning. Their rifles were packed up in five wagons and they told me all of them are going to leave. They are going to camp at the border in tents; from there they will send all the wagons back to the farms. I saw them cooking a quantity of meat and bread and packing it in the wagons. They say that heavy battles have been fought about Modder River, Riet River, Kimberley, and in the Free State, in all of which the Boers got fearful beating and were scattered about. They spoke nothing about either

Cronje, Natal, or of Colonel Plumer. From what I could see they are really to start to-day."

Of course there is the possibility that he was stuffed to order, by the Boers, and this may be one of those ape-ish little tricks they have learned from their maternal ancestors, the Hottentots, but whether true or not to-day it is merely a matter of a little while and it will be true, so we might as well accept it now as a week or two hence.

#### LATEST NEWS.

News received by runners to-day confirms the information that Kimberley was relieved early in February.

On the 11th February Generals Kelly-Kenny and Tucker were reported to have Cronje and 8,000 Boers "in a tight place with escape impossible."

No fresh news from Natal except that Sir Redvers Buller is successfully moving forward.

On the 27th Feb. the Boers evacuated their position at Crocodile Pools before Colonel Plumer, and he is now repairing the line down to Ramoutsa.

Yesterday the Boers here apparently became alarmed at a small empty trench we had run out in the Brickfields as if to cut off their main work there. They brought the big gun round and shelled our outworks and pushed a counter trench day and night until they reached the end of ours—where they are no better off than they were before. Just as they were about to resume shelling in the afternoon and their Artillery Officer was sighting the gun, one of our sharpshooters knocked him over. His fall has caused a great stir in the Boer camp.

The gun did not attempt to fire any more, and has apparently been withdrawn from her position on the S.E. heights.

#### Mafeking Garrison.

##### GENERAL ORDERS

By Colonel R. S. S. Baden-Powell, Commanding Frontier Force.

With reference to the Order of the 28th Feb., pointing to men getting wounded owing to not availing themselves to cover, it was not intended to convey any reproach to Corporal Warren and Private Warren, and Private Elkington, who were unfortunately wounded in the Brickfields on Tuesday, but rather to warn men against carelessness in the matter of exposing themselves. It is a habit which creeps in periodically until checked by some unfortunate accident, such as that which has deprived Private Elkington of his eyesight and Her Majesty's Service of a fine and plucky soldier.

Visiting Justice.—The Visiting Justice to the Mafeking Gaol for the ensuing week will be Lieut.-Colonel Hore.

MAFEKING, 5TH MARCH, 1900.

Southern Outposts.—Lieutenant-Colonel Walford, B.S.A.P., is appointed to command the Southern Outposts; his district will include all the defences lying to the East of the Railway line, and to the South of the Molopo River.

Court of Summary Jurisdiction.—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet to-morrow, Tuesday, the 6th March, at the Court House, at 10-15 a.m., for the examination of such prisoners as may be brought before it. President: Major Lord Edward Cecil, D.S.O.; Member: C. G. H. Bell Esq., C.C. & R.M.

By order,  
E. H. CECIL, Major,  
Chief Staff Officer.

#### FIRST CITY OF LONDON RIFLES.

Sergt. White, D Squadron, an ex-London Rifleman, would like to have the names of any members of that Corps now in the garrison. Letters may be left at the office of the *Mafeking Mail*.

#### THE LAST CONCERT.

The Amount Handed Over from last Sunday's Concert to the Sports and Prizes Fund was Twelve Pounds Fifteen Shillings, not Ten Pounds Fifteen as printed in Thursday's slip.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

COURT. C.P. 1.—No, 1900 is not a leap year, the last year of a century although fourth after a leap year is an exception. If your birthday was a 29th of February you must wait eight years this time, for the good wishes and presents which more fortunate folks receive annually.

#### NOTICE.

THE public are warned that attempts are being made to pass

#### Unsigned 2s. Coupons.

The 3/-, 2/- and 1/- Coupons issued are all numbered and must bear my signature, and the impress of the Bechuanaland Protectorate embossed stamp.

H. GREENER, Capt.,  
Chief Paymaster.

#### NOTICE.

STALLION DONKEY, found outside the lines on Saturday morning, now in my possession; anyone laying claim to the same should apply by Thursday next to this office. If not claimed, will be sold by Auction on Sunday following.

GOOLD-ADAMS,  
Town Commandant.

DIED at the Victoria Hospital, Mafeking, on Monday, March 5th, 1900, (from the effects of a shell wound received in the Brickfields on March 3rd) WILLIAM ASHTON TAYLOR, Sergeant-Major Colonial Contingent. Aged 42 years and 5 months.

The funeral will leave the Hospital this evening at 7. The attendance of all the friends of the deceased is kindly requested.

W. A. TAYLOR, Jr.

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Tuesday, March 6th, 1900.

145th Day of Siege

### The Mafeking Mail.

TUESDAY, 6TH MARCH, 1900.

#### SPECIAL CORPS TO RELIEVE MAFEKING.

It is doubtful whether there was, six months ago, one to a thousand of the population of Greater London able to say off-hand where on the map of South Africa Mafeking is to be found; yet such is the advertising effect of our position, and its defence, that the name of the town is now upon every tongue. The gallant manner in which the Protectorate, Police, Rifles, and Townsman (but a mere handful, all told) have fought and instilled the "fear of God" into the breasts of Cronje's women slayers, has stimulated such enthusiasm in the breasts of our kinsmen at home, that offers of large sums of money by wealthy individuals have been made to raise and equip a Special Corps for the sole purpose of relieving Mafeking. Whether the offer be accepted and acted upon, is immaterial, it shows that the value of our resistance has been recognised, that our stand has been appreciated. What it would have cost the Imperial Tax-payer had we let the Boers walk in, as all the world expected they would do, can scarcely be gauged by what it will now cost, for the extra millions of pounds, additional thousands of lives and further months, if not years, of war that would have been necessary to retrieve such a calamity are incalculable.

#### FOR CHARITY'S SAKE.

(The late F. W. G. Jones, who was killed outside the "Mail" office on Jan. 31st.)

In spontaneous response to the appeal in our issue of February 3rd, the following amounts have been received by Mr. Beavis and handed over to C. G. H. Bell, Esq., for the parents of the late F. W. G. Jones, of the Town Guard, and formerly in the employ of Mr. Bradley. Mr. Bell has kindly undertaken to remit the money to deceased's relatives as soon as circumstances permit.

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| Commercial Bar,<br>per Mr. Moore          | ... | £4 11 0  |
| Railway Division,<br>per Sgt.-Maj. Layton |     | 7 17 6   |
| Early's Corner,<br>per Mr. W. Birch       | ... | 5 19 6   |
| De Kock's Corner,<br>per Mr. C. Bishop    | ... | 7 5 0    |
|   |     | £25 13 0 |

### Mafeking Garrison.

#### GENERAL ORDERS

By Colonel R. S. S. Baden-Powell, Commanding Frontier Force.

MAFEKING, 5TH MARCH, 1900.

Owing to a misapprehension of their orders, the Colonial Contingent vacated their advanced post in the Brickfields this morning. The Boers discovered the fact, and creeping up by our disused sap-trench,

occupied the loop holes from the outside so as to command the interior of the work.

Under direction of Captain Fitzclarence and Captain Williams, some detachments of "D" Squadron Protectorate Regiment, Cape Police, Bechuanaland Rifles and Colonial Contingent, re occupied this place with a rush, Lieut. Pelham covering their occupation by throwing dynamite hand grenades into the enemy's trench.

The whole affair was carried out most coolly and creditably, and happily without casualties.

MAFEKING, 6TH MARCH, 1900.

Court of Summary Jurisdiction. The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet on Wednesday, the 7th March, at the Court House, at 10-15 a.m., for the examination of such prisoners as may be brought before it. President: Lieut.-Col. C. B. Vyvyan. Member: Major F. W. Panzera.

By order,  
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### A SIEGE EXHIBITION

WILL BE HELD AT THE  
MASONIC HALL,  
ON

SUNDAY, MARCH 25th, 1900.

#### COMMITTEE:

Col. Baden-Powell; Major H. J. Goold-Adams, C.B., C.M.G.; C. G. H. Bell, Esq., C.C. & R.N.; Capt. J. R. More; F. Whiteley, Esq. (Mayor).

MANAGING DIRECTOR: J. W. De Kock, Esq.

HON. SECRETARY: J. R. Algic, Esq.

#### GLASS.

1. Prize, £5, presented by Col. Baden-Powell, for the Best Model of any locally manufactured Siege Weapon or Armament, or of any Fort or Redan.

2. Prize, £5, presented by Messrs. Wirsing Bros., for the Quietest or Most Original Curio, ornamental or useful, constructed of any shells or bullets which have been fired into the town by the enemy during the siege.

3. Prize, £5, for the best piece of Fancy Work made during the Siege.

1. Prize, £5, for the best piece of Lace worked during the Siege.

5. Prize, £5, presented by G. Riesle, Esq., for the best Collection of not less than Forty Siege Photos. All copies exhibited to belong to the Mafeking Municipality (the object being to form a nucleus for a Municipal collection). Exhibitors need not necessarily deliver competing collections until such time as they are in a position to print others. They will, however, be required to give a sufficient guarantee that copies of such photos will be handed over.

6. Prize, £5, presented by the Mafeking Mail for the best Musical Composition, either Waltz or March. To be written for

Piano only, or for Orchestra. The successful composition to be known as the "Mafeking Siege Waltz, or March."

7. Prize, £2 2s., presented by Major H. J. Goold-Adams, for the best Essay on Siege Life. Open to girls under the age of 15.

8. Prize, £2 2s., presented by Major H. J. Goold-Adams, for the best Essay on Siege Life. Open to boys under the age of 15.

With reference to Prizes 7 and 8, all competitors must present themselves for examination at the Masonic Hall, on March 25th inst., at 9 a.m., for the purpose of writing their Essay. They will be allowed until noon to complete their work in the presence of a Commissioner, who will be in attendance and who will supply the necessary writing materials.

9. Prize, £2 2s., presented by C. W. Lucas, Esq., for the best Dressed Doll.

10. Prize, £5, presented by F. Whiteley, Esq., for the best Painting (oil or water colour), or Pen and Ink Sketch, portraying any scene, incident, or character, connected with the Siege.

11. Prize, £2 2s., presented by A. H. Friend, Esq., for the best original Poem or Song. Competing poems or songs must be recited or sung (as the case may be) by the competitors (or any person appointed by them) on the afternoon of the Exhibition.

12. Prize, £5, presented by B. B. Weil, Esq., for the best Siege Anecdote, of not more than 500 words.

#### GENERAL CONDITIONS.

1. The Committee, in due course, will arrange and appoint Judges for each class.

2. All exhibits may be marked "For Sale," except Class 5.

3. All exhibits must be handed in to the Committee or their Nominee, at the Masonic Hall, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. on the morning of the Exhibition.

4. All entries free.

5. In no class will prize be given unless at least two entries are received.

NOTE.—The Committee will be glad to receive any additional prizes and any suggestions from the Garrison as to the enlargement of the Exhibition.

The Committee will gladly receive a Second Prize for Class 5.

### NOTICE.

#### Sets of these Slips.

The destruction of a large quantity of back numbers will prevent the delivery of all except a few sets of slips. As "Oud Greitje" is back again in the old place, East, we should like to reduce risk by handing over those still intact. Any of our friends who have paid for or on account of "Slips" will greatly oblige by sending or calling for them. While those who still require certain numbers to make up their sets are requested to send a list of such numbers at once.

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Wednesday, March 7th. 1900.

146th Day of Siege.

### The Mafeking Mail.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH MARCH, 1900.

#### THE STOLEN BANK NOTES.

From numerous remarks made concerning the advertisement that appeared in last Monday's slip re the stolen Unsigned and Unstamped Bank Notes, it is evident that some of the public were under the impression that an employee or some employees of Messrs. Townshend & Son were to blame. To remove suspicion from men who, whatever their opinion upon the subject of shell fire, are most trustworthy and deserving, and have kept manfully at their work, we publish a report of the case:

At the Court of Summary Jurisdiction Jim Phuthego was brought before H. H. Major Goold-Adams, C.B., C.M.G., and Lieut.-Colonel C. O. Hore, charged with theft in obtaining goods by means of false pretences.

The prisoner pleaded not guilty.

Solomon, duly sworn, stated: I know the prisoner. He bought the goods, produced before the Court, on Saturday. He paid me with paper money. He got goods to the value of £3 2s. with paper money. (Paper money produced unnumbered, unstamped, and unsigned). I was sitting in the shop; another man came across and took 30/- change from the money. Then I told the other man I did see any signature on it. I noticed it when I had to give change, when the other man drew my attention to it. I sent to Amod the owner of the shop; he went round and told the Sergeant about this. I told him (prisoner) these notes were not signed, and he said: "My master will sign them tomorrow." He did not say who his master was.

Sallie Mahomed also proved receiving some unsigned, unnumbered notes from prisoner.

Pillay, duly sworn, stated: This boy came bringing a note for 2/- on Saturday. He asked me for 6d. worth of tobacco. I said I had no change. I gave him 6d. and a packet of tobacco. I did not notice that the paper was unsigned until later on. I am prepared to take this tobacco back.

The Gaoler proved to finding a few loose shillings in the prisoner's possession.

Peter Stuart, duly sworn, stated: In consequence of a report made to me on Saturday evening about spurious papers being in circulation, I arrested the prisoner and found the notes (produced) in his possession. They were the value of £4 8/-, if signed and stamped. After being cautioned he (prisoner) said he picked them up on the Market Square. He did not state at what time. I cautioned him that he need not make any statement. The boy has been working for Sgt.-Major Jollie—his private boy.

Sergeant-Major Jollie proved that there was a stock of unfinished notes kept in the underground office, to which access had unwatched access, for clearing up, every morning.

Captain Greener, sworn, stated he is Chief Paymaster at Mafeking. These notes are printed by Townshend & Son and issued by the Government. He remembered receiving these particular notes in a parcel from a representative of the

printers. They could not have been lost in transit, as if any were dropped the whole parcel must have been dropped.

The accused made a statement to the effect that he picked up the notes in the Market Square.

The Court sentenced prisoner to 20 lashes and three months' imprisonment with hard labour.

### Mafeking Garrison.

#### GENERAL ORDERS

By Colonel R. S. S. Baden-Powell, Commanding Frontier Force.

MAFEKING, 6TH MARCH, 1900.

Whereas the following persons have broken through the lines and have left the defensive area of Mafeking without leave under the circumstances hereinafter mentioned, namely:—

Sergeant H. W. Bolton, Protectorate Regiment, deserted from Her Majesty's Service while his Regiment was on active service on the 29th of October, 1899.

Peter Evert and Rudolph Reek broke through the lines without a pass on or about the 25th day of February, 1900.

It is, therefore, now hereby proclaimed and notified that if any person shall give such information to the Authorities as shall lead to the arrest of any or either of the abovementioned absentees, or shall produce the body or bodies of any or either of such absentees, or shall give information which shall lead to the identification of such body or bodies, then the person giving the information abovementioned shall, provided always such information prove to be sufficient, receive the following reward, that is to say, the sum of FIFTY POUNDS STERLING.

Change in position of Medical Staff.—Mr. Young, Medical Student, is transferred, from this date, from the Railway Bridge Dressing Station to the Brickfields.

Pay (Postal and Telegraph Staff).—The following members of the Postal and Telegraph Staff will draw the special allowance mentioned below, from the commencement of the Siege, namely the 13th October, 1899, inclusive:—

Mr. Howat, Trench Allowance at rate of 2/6 per diem, and in consideration of the very valuable work he has done under fire and under considerable strain, a special allowance of 10/- per diem.

Messrs. Campbell, Kearney, Simpson, Stewart and McLeod, Trench Allowance at rate of 2/6 per diem.

The following are also granted a special allowance, under the same circumstances as Mr. Howat, at the rate of 2/- per diem: Mr. Campbell, Mr. Simpson, Mr. McLeod.

In consideration of the valuable work done by Mr. McLeod, as Linesman, under fire and under exceptionally trying circumstances, he will receive, in addition, special extra duty pay at the rate of 5/- per diem.

Dogs (Registration of).—In pursuance of General Orders of 26th and 27th ultimo, all unlicensed dogs found within the Defences, will be captured and impounded at the Dog House (by Mr. Wenham's residence, Molopo River Bridge) for a space of twelve hours, at the expiration of which time (provided the owner, in the interval, does not claim and prove the dog to be properly licensed) dogs so captured will be destroyed. No unlicensed dog so captured

will be released (unless the Authorities see fit, because of special circumstances, to make an exception) under a fine of Five Pounds. Any communication on this subject must be addressed to the Town Clerk.

Losses of Kit, etc. The attention of Corps Commanders is called to the loss of Kit, Arms, etc., of men going into Hospital. The strictest measures should be taken to see that no loss of Kit, Arms, etc., occurs on those occasions. A responsible Officer or N.C.O. should be sent from the Corps to take over any effects.

Extras.—Extras will not be issued under any pretence whatever unless a Medical Certificate is produced, signed by the following:—

For Women's Laager... Dr. T. Hayes.  
For any other part of the Town, etc., Dr. Hayes, P.M.O.

Dop or Brandy.—It is found necessary to call for returns of available stock of the above spirit. All persons having any in possession must therefore declare at once the amount of their present stock in gallons, to the D.A.A.G. (H), Captain Ryan. This return must be made whether stock previously declared or not.

Matches.—As the stock of matches is running low the greatest care should be exercised in using them. Any persons, having a stock of matches in possession are at once to declare the same to Captain Ryan, whether previously declared or not.

By order,  
E. H. CECIL Major,  
Chief Staff Officer.

It is with regret that the Colonel Commanding has to record the death, from wounds, of Sergeant-Major Taylor, of the Colonial Contingent. This Non-Commissioned Officer had earned the admiration of all ranks by his daring and zeal, and had he survived, he would have been recommended for the Medal for Distinguished Service. His loss will be greatly felt by the Corps in which he was so good a leader.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

TURK. HAV.—Recruiting for the B.S.A.P. took place in 1890, but whether the Corps was really formed during that year or in the early part of 1891 we have no means at hand of ascertaining. There were various Mount D. Corps existing before that date whose members enrolled in this force, which must not be confounded in any way with the B.S.A.P. of the Protectorate.

"Imitation is the Sincerest Flattery."

#### SALVATION ARMY.

Sergeant Black, of X Squad on, formerly a member of London Corps Salvation Army, would like any members of above to forward their names to him. Letters may be addressed to the office of the Mafeking Mail.

#### £1 REWARD.

LOST, on the 6th inst., Broad Flat Ring set with single Diamond. Finder will receive the above reward by returning same to Captain Marsh, South-western Outpost.

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*The Dutch & French Club*

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Morning Day, February 27th, 1906.  
That has been the last day  
of my life. I have been  
in bed for some time,  
and have been unable to  
get up. I am now in the  
hospital, and am being  
treated by the doctors.

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We understand on reliable authority that the teachers of the State Normal School at Salem are being urged to resign in order to be replaced by teachers of the opposite political faith.

From Natchez, once it is gathered in  
during the rainy season, it is  
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### LATEST NEWS.

#### NATAL.

General Sir Redvers Buller, after three days' fighting, 15th, 16th, 17th ults., occupied Kusso Hill, took Cingolo and Monte Christo, where the Boers were strongly encamped; captured stores, ammunition, and a few prisoners, sending the Boers in full retreat across the North Tugela. From his first crossing of the Tugela his total casualties, including the Spions Kop affair, were 301 killed and 215 missing. The list of wounded was heavy: 1,584. When Hart occupied Colenso he found the Boer trenches filled with their dead. There is no immediate want in Ladysmith, General Buller has miles of wagons loaded with provisions and can advance whenever it is politic to do so.

A British Force is reported on the Swzie Border.

#### KIMBERLEY TO BLOEMFONTEIN.

On February 19th General Kelly Kenny was out Boer hunting, the quarry turning every now and again to fight. Over 100 wagons had been captured. The Highland Brigade had joined in the chase. Cronje made for Bloemfontein, starting one night from Magersfontein, but Kitchy cornered him. The cunning old fox asked for three days' armistice but Kitchener declined, and gave him instead, one hour to lay down arms. As the sprinters did not feel like "last ditch and last drop," when it came to business, they

SURRENDERED UNCONDITIONALLY

ON MAJUBA DAY, FEB. 27TH.

After nineteen years, thank God, that blot has been wiped over. Young Cronje (John?) tried to make a stand at the Vaal River, but, like his father, thought it better to scoot. The Native report says that Jacobsdal has been burnt down by the English. According to Capetown Reuter, Lord Roberts occupied the place on Feb. 15th, and on the 19th was advancing from there Bloemfonteinwards.

Native report also says that Joubert is taken prisoner and his next in command has flown to the Magaliesberg, probably to buy tobacco, at any rate he has not been heard of since. Sir Frederick Carrington is said to have been within two hours' ride of Bloemfontein a week or more ago. Our people are busy making the line good to Kimberley—the relief of which by General French is confirmed from Capetown on the 20th ultimo.

#### DORDRECHT.

Colonial Troops under General Brabant (Qy. Member for King,) cleared the rebels from Penhoek, fighting for three days, finally drove them out of their positions with the bayonet. It is said some forty rebels have been executed. General Brabant entirely cleared the Boers out of Dordrecht.

#### PRESIDENT STEYN AND THE FREE STATERS.

As we reported some time ago, the President of the O.F.S. bolted to Pretoria; according to the *Bulawayo Chronicle* Special Correspondent the Commandants want to know what terms we will give them if they desert the Transvaal. Lord Roberts issued a proclamation to the Free State Burgers calling upon them to lay down their arms, pointing out that they have been misled by their Government.

#### NORTH.

News received from the North is that Col. Plummer has driven the Boers away from Lobatsi with his force from Kanya, and is within a mile of Ootsi with his force from Crocodile Pools. The railway is repaired as far as Ootsi. It is reported that the Boers have sent for transport and intend taking up a position on the Border. Commandant Mahan has rejoined Snyman here.

On Monday evening last General Snyman was at Rietfontein, where he had an indaba with all the armed Natives, which included many rebels who took Saani prisoner. He told them that he was going to disarm them and that they were to hand up their rifles on Thursday. He complained bitterly at their behaviour, saying

that they had killed many innocent people instead of only runners and cattle looters.

It is reported that to-morrow the Boers will attack Mafeking in order to stop us from following the wagons when they retire.

### Mafeking Garrison.

#### GENERAL ORDERS

By Colonel R. S. S. Baden-Powell, Commanding Frontier Force.

MAFEKING, 8TH MARCH, 1900.

Native reports say that the Boers propose to withdraw from Mafeking to-morrow and next day, and that to cover the retirement of their wagons to-morrow and to prevent us coming out after them, they will keep up a heavy fire on the place, and if they see a weak spot, they may try an attack on it. This may be only Native rumour, but should it turn out to be true the Garrison should lie low and try to encourage the enemy to come within range and then give him a further inducement for going. As the enemy have grossly abused the privileges of the Red Cross flag we must not be too ready to allow ambulances, etc., to come into good positions as they too often bring machine guns or ammunition or cause firing to cease which their troops take advantage of for moving. Therefore when the Red Cross flag is shown, men should go on firing, though not at the flag or ambulance itself, until they see whether it is there for bona fide ambulance work or not.

*Garrison Board.*—A Board, composed as under, will assemble at such times and places as the President may appoint, to enquire into and report upon the working of the various Soup Kitchens; the preparation and cooking of food at all the recognised institutions; and to make such suggestions as they may agree upon for improvements or alterations, to meet the requirements.

PRESIDENT: Major Anderson, R.A.M.C.

MEMBERS: { Capt. Wilson, A.D.C.  
                  { Alfred Musson, Esq.

Proceedings, in duplicate, to be forwarded to the Chief Staff Officer.

By order,

E. H. CECIL, Major,  
Chief Staff Officer.

### Cape Government Railways

THE Railway Department have certain Soft Goods on hand which are not required by the Military Authorities, and being anxious to assist "Besieged Mafeking," are prepared to dispose of whole consignments to Merchants—not private people—on certain conditions, particulars of which can be ascertained on application at my office.

JNO. H. STOREY,

Acting Stationmaster.

Stationmaster's Office,  
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FRIDAY, 9TH MARCH, 1900.

### WHERE WAS THAT BIG SURRENDER?

Many people are exhibiting an intense thirst for knowledge. They desire, principally, to know where Cronje gave up his 8,000 invincibles. It appears useless to assure them that we were not there so do not know; that so long as it did happen we do not care an Oom Paul's ticky where it was. They resent our absence from the scene of the surrender and our inability to give a moving description of the manner in which, with tears in his eyes and a quid in his mouth, he handed his sword to Lord Roberts and asked him to pause a few moments while he offered up a prayer. We believe the fight took place some 10 or 15 miles from Kimberley, towards the Free State, say East by South-east, where he was probably driven by General French, hemmed in by General Kelly Kenny, opposed by General Tucker and tackled by General Lord Kitchener. If the place we have designated proves to be geographically incorrect we will write another par. as it would not be fair to ask Lord Roberts and Cronje to repeat the performance to make the locality agree with our supposition concerning it.

House-breaking seems to be rife and inhabitants will do well to look closely to the holting up before retiring at night. Mr. Werner's house, Mr. Musson's, and various others have been entered, on the hunt for foodstuffs apparently, but anything portable vanishes likewise. Anybody who keeps a few thousand sovereigns at home during the present interesting times, is much to blame. By the way, no one can even charge us with such a crime. It is a thing we never do. Such temptation to priggery should be removed to the Bank or, under existing arrangements, handed to the Paymaster, and the one per cent. commission taken. This, by the way, may not run much longer as it is rumoured that an issue of

one pound, and ten shilling, notes is contemplated, so those fortunate possessors of large parcels of the present-day God had better dispose of them forthwith.

### Mafeking Garrison.

#### GENERAL ORDERS

By Colonel R. S. S. Baden-Powell, Commanding Frontier Force.

MAFEKING, 7TH MARCH, 1900.

*Working Pay to Military Working Parties.*—The Colonel Commanding has approved the issue of Working Pay at the rate of 3d. per hour, to men belonging to any unit in the Garrison who are employed under proper authorities on Military Works, Men working merely to improve the comfort, etc., of their own quarters will not be entitled to this Extra Duty Pay. All claims for Working Pay must be certified as correct by the Commanding Engineer.

MAFEKING, 8TH MARCH, 1900.

*Claims against Imperial Government.*—All persons having accounts against the Imperial Government, up to and including the 28th February, 1900, are requested to render the same at once.

*Sale of Extras.*—It is notified for the information of the Garrison that Mr. Weil's Store will be open on Sunday, the 11th inst., for the sale of certain Food-stuffs.

MAFEKING, 9TH MARCH, 1900.

The following extract from a despatch (delayed in transmission) received yesterday and dated Capetown, 6th December, 1899, is published for general information:

"High Commissioner sends good wishes and highly appreciates gallant show by plucky Garrison Mafeking."

*Court of Summary Jurisdiction.*—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet to-morrow, Saturday, the 10th March, at the Court House, at 10-15 a.m., for the examination of such prisoners as may be brought before it. President: Lieut.-Col. C. B. Vyvyan. Member: Major F. W. Panzera.

*Assessment Committee.*—The Assessment Committee will meet on Sunday, the 11th March, at Dixon's Hotel at 10 a.m. Owners attending at the above place and hour will be informed about what time the Committee will arrive at their respective houses.

*Appointments.*—With reference to General Order No. 2, of 29th January, 1900, Mr. Friend's appointment as Examiner of Accounts is hereby antedated to 21st December, 1899, inclusive.

Private Walker, Bechuanaland Rifles, is appointed to take charge of all Acetylene Lamps and arrangements from the 7th

instant inclusive, with Extra Duty Pay at the rate of 12/6 per diem while so employed.

By order,

E. H. CECIL, Major,  
Chief Staff Officer.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

B.S.A.P.—The reply to Trooper Hay in issue of 7th inst. was, by a typographical error, made to read "Recruiting for the B.S.A.P. took place in '90." It was, of course, the B.S.A. C.P. referred to, as the context shewed.

### ASSESSMENT OF PROPERTY.

List of names of owners whose property will be assessed on Sunday next, 11th March:—

|               |                     |
|---------------|---------------------|
| Dixon's Hotel | Major Baillie       |
| "             | S. Sergt. Dowling   |
| "             | H. Ouridge          |
| "             | A. Littlewood       |
| "             | W. Jugo             |
| "             | A. Bottomley        |
| "             | J. Nixou            |
| "             | W. Sheasby          |
| Erf No. 94    | D. Webster          |
| " 93          | Townshend & Son     |
| " 110         | J. G. Stenson       |
| " 124         | R. Spiers           |
| " 99          | G. Alley & Camooden |

### JULIUS WEIL'S RETAIL STORE ONLY

WILL BE OPEN ON

### SUNDAY NEXT,

From 6-30 to 8, and 9 to 12 a.m.

For the sale of

### Foodstuff Extras.

Customers are requested to bring their own servants and utensils for carrying away their purchases, and are respectfully informed that sales will be for Cash only.

### Cape Government Railways.

THE Railway Department respectfully inform the Merchants of Mafeking that all the Soft Goods are disposed of.

JNO. H. STOREY,  
Acting Stationmaster.

Stationmaster's Office,  
Mafeking, 9th March, 1900.

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# THE MAFEKING MAIL

## SPECIAL SIEGE SLIP.

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No. 90

Saturday, March 10th. 1900.

149th Day of Siege

The Mafeking Mail.

SATURDAY, 10TH MARCH, 1900.

### THOSE COLONIALS.

There will be, without a shadow of doubt, one good effect result from this war, which, outside the question of the settlement of British Supremacy in South Africa, is not to be lightly esteemed. This is the drawing closer than ever, the bonds of mutual respect, confidence, and affection between Great Britain and her Colonies. A result that will, as sure as the sun rises end sooner or later in the entire domination of the world by the English Speaking Races. The manner in which the Colonies have rallied round the old country, and from every corner of the earth, spontaneously showered upon her their enthusiastic assistance, must have struck with astonishment and admiration any who, from insufficient acquaintance, might not have hesitated to disparage "those Colonials." A true mother does not jealously under-prize her offspring on account of his strength and developing manhood, neither can Great Britain do other than glory in the vigor and nobleness displayed by her progeny. The relation in the last news to hand, of the success at Dordrecht of a Colonial force commanded by a Colonial General has created intense gratification in every breast. In that of the Colonial born, naturally; the Colonial from adoption, again naturally, because a man takes pride in the progress of the land he lives in; and in the Home born still more naturally, as to him comes the reflection; exultant: "These sprang from the stock to which it is my proud boast to belong." It is also a matter of congratulation that a Colonial General had the honor of leading the victorious Colonials. We know that pipe clay and red tape does not harmonize with the unrestrained freedom rejoiced in by the sons of a continent, numbering fewer individuals to the square mile than the old land does to an acre, and a Colonial such as General Brabant, knowing precisely where the curb galls could, to his own satisfaction, and his men's so adjust it that it carried easily, though none the less effective. Working shoulder to shoulder and like one flesh and blood should do, mutually helping each others burden; ignoring each other's failings—for, if one ridiculed the other's want of certain kinds of knowledge the other could, if he were less kindly natured, mock the one, for shutting his eyes to other kinds—and respecting each other's prejudice

what heights could not such a combination attain. As one Colonial rivetted that jewel, India, in the Imperial crown, how much greater lustre may the diadem attain with Britain and all her Colonies standing united as one.

## A SIEGE EXHIBITION

WILL BE HELD AT THE  
MASONIC HALL,  
ON  
SUNDAY, MARCH 25th, 1900.

#### COMMITTEE:

Col. Baden-Powell; Major H. J. Gould-Adams, C.B., C.M.G.; C. G. H. Bell, Esq., C.C. & R.M.; Capt. J. R. More; F. Whiteley, Esq. (Mayor).

MANAGING DIRECTOR: J. W. De Koek, Esq.

HON. SECRETARY: J. R. Algic, Esq.

#### CLASS.

1. Prize, £5, presented by Col. Baden-Powell, for the Best Model of any locally manufactured Siege Weapon or Armament, or of any Fort or Redan.
2. Prize, £5, presented by Messrs. Wirsing Bros., for the Quaintest or Most Original Curio, ornamental or useful, constructed of any shells or bullets which have been fired into the town by the enemy during the siege.
3. Prize, £5, for the best piece of Fancy Work made during the Siege.
4. Prize, £5, for the best piece of Lace worked during the Siege.
5. Prize, £5, presented by G. Riesle, Esq., for the best Collection of not less than Forty Siege Photos. All copies exhibited to belong to the Mafeking Municipality (the object being to form a nucleus for a Municipal collection). Exhibitors need not necessarily deliver competing collections until such time as they are in a position to print others. They will, however, be required to give a sufficient guarantee that copies of such photos will be handed over.
6. Prize, £5, presented by the Mafeking Mail for the best Musical Composition, either Waltz or March. To be written for Piano only, or for Orchestra. The successful composition to be known as the "Mafeking Siege Waltz, or March."

7. Prize, £2 2s., presented by Major H. J. Gould-Adams, for the best Essay on Siege Life. Open to girls under the age of 15.

8. Prize, £2 2s., presented by Major H. J. Gould-Adams, for the best Essay on Siege Life. Open to boys under the age of 15.

With reference to Prizes 7 and 8, all competitors must present themselves for examination at the Masonic Hall, on March 25th inst., at 9 a.m., for the purpose of writing their Essay. They will be allowed until noon to complete their work in the presence of a Commissioner, who will be in attendance and who will supply the necessary writing materials.

9. Prize, £2 2s., presented by C. W. Clineas, Esq., for the best Dressed Doll.

10. Prize, £5, presented by F. Whiteley, Esq., for the best Painting (oil or water colour), or Pen and Ink Sketch, portraying any scene, incident, or character, connected with the Siege.

11. Prize, £2 2s., presented by A. H. Friend, Esq., for the best original Poem or Song. Competing poems or songs must be recited or sung (as the case may be) by the competitors (or any person appointed by them) on the afternoon of the Exhibition.

12. Prize, £5, presented by B. B. Weil, Esq., for the best Siege Anecdote, of not more than 500 words.

#### GENERAL CONDITIONS.

1. The Committee, in due course, will arrange and appoint Judges for each class.
2. All exhibits may be marked "For Sale," except Class 5.
3. All exhibits must be handed in to the Committee or their Nominee, at the Masonic Hall, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. on the morning of the Exhibition.

4. All entries free.

5. In no class will prize be given unless at least two entries are received.

NOTE.—The Committee will be glad to receive any additional prizes and any suggestions from the Garrison as to the enlargement of the Exhibition.

The Committee will gladly receive a Second Prize for Class 5.



"Austral" Lodge.

No. 2534, E.C.

AN Emergency Meeting will be held at the

Masonic Hall,

On Sunday, March 11th, 1900,

AT 8-30 P.M.

Working in the Third.

Visiting B.B. are cordially invited.

### AUCTION SALE.

THE undersigned will hold their usual Sale on SUNDAY, commencing at

9 30 A.M.,

and among other Goods will sell

Shot Guns, Bicycles, Watches,

A Good Lady's Saddle,

Second-hand and New Clothing, etc., etc.

Aldred & Ross,

Sworn Appraisers and  
Govt. Auctioneers.





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Tuesday, March 13th, 1900.

152nd Day of Siege

The Mafeking Mail.

TUESDAY, 13TH MARCH, 1900.

### THE END IN SIGHT.

We may congratulate ourselves in the phrase now classical. "We are getting on very nicely all round." Ladysmith effectually relieved is by far the most welcome piece of intelligence we could have. Had it been possible for the Boers to take Ladysmith and the force we had there, as they so lippily explained in Nov., that they were about to do, the outlook would have been much more serious for us. The duration of the campaign would have been greatly prolonged and we should have had much more trouble. The news of to-day brings the termination of this war within estimatable distance. The final outcome none but the misguided fools who started it, failed to discern, but its duration could not be measured and that exceedingly momentous matter for us depended greatly upon our success or unsuccess on the Eastern side. Our position now:—with the Boers in Natal, practically smashed; the key to the Western Border having been, and still being, held by us; while the principal Southern force of the enemy has been overthrown and our troops advancing in to the enemy's country from the Central Southern points,—is so greatly improved that the most lugubrious can but rejoice. A most satisfactory feature of our successes, is that they have taken place in our own territory. Our friends at home, who with cheers for us drowned the hysterical squeaks of the "Little Englander," have an answer to objectors who prate of the "injustice of this war" in the fact that it was our own homes, the lives and limbs of our woman-kind and their babes, at their own hearths, that our troops were called here to battle for and defend. Where the injustice of this war will arise is if Britain in its far too humane remembrance of her own mightiness, will stay her hand before the *coup de grace* is given and in too merciful consideration of a fallen foe, not proceed to those extremities which any other power would regard as just retribution and which we would rejoice to see.

### Mafeking Garrison.

#### GENERAL ORDERS

By Colonel R. S. S. Bayton-Powell, Commanding Frontier Force.

MAFEKING, 10TH MARCH, 1900.

The Colonel Commanding wishes to place on record his deep regret at the death of Private Sydney Webb, Cape Police, D. 2, for a long time employed as his Orderly at Headquarters.

Private Webb left Headquarters at his own request as he preferred to fight in the Brickfields with his comrades. By his death a gallant and plucky soldier has been lost to Her Majesty's Service.

*Promotion.*—Sergt. Currie to be Local and Provisional Lieutenant while in command of the Colonial Contingent.

*Pay—Postal and Telegraph Staff (Correction).*—With reference to General Order No. 4, of the 6th March, Mr. A. Thomas's name should have appeared as entitled to Trench Allowance at the rate of 2/6 per diem from the 13th October, 1899, inclusive.

MAFEKING, 12TH MARCH, 1900.

*Notice.*—The Col. Commanding wishes to warn the inhabitants of Mafeking that although the water is now flowing through the pipes from the Waterworks, it should not be used at present for cooking or drinking purposes.

*Visiting Justice.*—The Visiting Justice to the Mafeking Gaol for the ensuing week is Major Lord Edward Cecil, D.S.O.

*Hospital Assistant.*—Ferdinand Jacobs, Town Guard, is appointed Extra Hospital Assistant for temporary duty in the Brickfields; while actually employed outside the limits of the Town Defences he will receive an allowance of 5/- per diem in addition to his Trench Allowance of 2/6.

*Signallers.*—No. 49, Trooper E. A. Dawson, Protectorate Regiment, is granted Extra Duty Pay at the rate of 8d. per diem from the 13th October, 1899, inclusive to the date he was wounded, namely, the 26th December, 1899. No. 41, Trpr. E. Bones, Prot. Regiment, is granted First Class Rate of 1/- per diem from the 1st March, 1900, inclusive.

*Horses on Duty.*—Seven pounds of Oats will be issued daily for the following proportion of horses from this day's date inclusive:

|                       |     |
|-----------------------|-----|
| Protectorate Regiment | 100 |
| B.S.A.P.              | 10  |
| Cape Police           | 10  |
| Staff                 | 6   |

These horses are to be kept as fit as circumstances will allow; to be shod; and regularly exercised under the saddle ready for service.

*Sale of Spirits, Beer, etc.*—No further orders for private persons, merchants, hotel-keepers, etc., to purchase Spirits, Beer, etc., in cases or hulk, will, in future be issued, as the present stock in town does not admit of such authority being given for the present.

*Matches.*—All persons requiring to purchase are requested to apply to A.S.C. Depot, Isaacs' Store, and not Court House Office.

By order,  
E. H. CECIL, Major,  
Chief Staff Officer.

### LATEST NEWS.

A despatch confirming a previous one, which has not come to hand, was received this morning. It tells of Ladysmith being relieved after great slaughter. No less than two thousand Boers being destroyed and three thousand taken prisoners. The total of our casualties were 1,100. It was reported that the Boers were massing at Bloemfontein and expected to make a stand there.

President Kruger has gone to the Natal Front.

Colonel Plumer is reported at Lobatsi Siding with the armoured train. About three hundred Boers are lying in wait for him at Ramathlabama.

Some of our local boys, under Sergt. Abrams, went out last Friday night and turned the Boers from the trench out West, beyond Fort Cronje. On Sunday night we occupied Jackall Tree and attacked Fort Snyman but were repulsed, although not before several Boers were shot. On the same night, beyond the Brickfields, some Boers were observed in the moonlight, crawling under the shelter of the bush and trees towards our most advanced trench occupied by Cape Boys, under Corpl. Diepenaar. Coolly abstaining from firing till they got well up, he let them have a volley. Of course, as usual they tried to bolt while their friends at the fort turned on a Maxim and a 5-pdr. as fast as it could be loaded. Diepenaar withdrew his men from the fort, five each side, in open order and got a volley or two into the retreating Boers, with the happy result of seeing them carry away two men wounded.

Some Baralonges went out for cattle last night; not being able to agree as to the best road, they divided into two parties; one found themselves observed by some Boers who fired upon them. They returned the fire and selecting a suitable place, flattened down the grass so that they could see any body approaching and lay down waiting for the Boers, who were following their spoor, to come upon them. When they arrived the Natives let fire with such good result that they disabled seven Boers, capturing two horses, rifles and ammunition bandoliers.

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Thursday, March 15th. 1900.

154th Day of Siege

### The Mafeking Mail.

THURSDAY, 15TH MARCH, 1900.

#### The late Duncan MacDonald

Last week there passed away one of those unnoticed and faithful soldiers of the Queen, who have done so much to build up the Empire on which the sun never sets. Working on in such an unassuming manner, regarding it so much a matter of course that it is only in moments of reflection caused by some such happening as the death of one of them, that we give enough thought to the meaning of the life and work of these staunch supporters of the nation, as to enable us to realise their value. Duncan MacDonald—Scotch, as the name implies—died of cancer at the Victoria Hospital, on Thursday, the 8th instant. Sixty-six years of age, of good stamina, he was still an active man and could try many younger ones at walking. He has been a soldier all his life; fought at Alma; served under Colin Campbell; was one of the "thin red line"; actively present at the Siege of Sebastopol; had served in the Police Force in New Zealand, and Australia; was under Sir Frederick Carrington; joined the Bechuanaaland Border Police, and, at the Annexation, was transferred to the Cape Police. For some time he was stationed at Ramathlahama, withdrawing with the remainder of the detachment to Mafeking, just before the commencement of hostilities. He was an excellent shot, an enthusiastic sportsman and "knew a dog" when he saw one; while his genial disposition and straightforward sturdiness made him respected by all who knew him.

### LATEST NEWS.

#### BOERS CONFER.

From reliable Native sources we learn that the Boers hold a meeting on Monday, at Polfontein. Messages were sent on Sunday night to summon all to attend.

#### AFRAID TO BE ON GUARD ALONE.

The Boers' account of last Sunday night's attack by the Baralongs is: "A party of Boers were out scouting and came upon some Baralongs unawares. The Natives opened fire and the Boers tried to return for reinforcements and fought a long time, (all night) but were beaten back, losing three killed and others wounded." Natives report many came back without horses or rifles, therefore think the Boers have under-estimated their losses.

They are afraid to travel about alone now; hitherto they have travelled freely

through the country, murdering the defenceless at will. The action of the Baralongs has, however, put a stop to this.

#### WHY THE BIG GUN FIRED SO LITTLE.

The big gun was damaged so that it could not fire much last week. It is mended now, and is firing a new class of projectile, the fore part being a common shell and the latter shrapnel. This accounts for the increased power; hitherto shrapnel has done no particular damage. For the preservation of life and limb we must use greater caution.

#### BOERS WON'T LEAVE US.

A party of women went out, round by the railway line, to their gardens. When they reached their land they were stopped by some Boers' Natives, who told them this rule now was to capture the young women and let the old ones stay upon the land, but not allow them to return to Mafeking lest they should take food to their husbands. It was through their persistence in coming to the gardens, in contempt of the Boers' bullets and the risk of being killed, that made the Boers alter their minds and not leave, as they had intended to do a fortnight ago, because, they argued, "The people in Mafeking must be nearly starving or they would not take such risk to get food."

#### THE LAST ATTEMPT.

Two new Generals have arrived at the laager, they brought with them all the spare men they could get from the Transvaal, some of them will go North to oppose the re-construction of the railway line and delay our relief as much as they can, while others will remain here to "attack the place" and do their best to "take or at least harass and annoy us."

Our informant told them they might be able to stop Plumer, she does not know him, but this place they will never be able to take, and if they bother us till Judgment Day, Mafeking will never surrender.

#### COMING EVENTS CAST THEIR SHADOWS BEFORE THEM.

Yesterday two Boers returned from the North of Pitsani, wounded by Plumer's scouts.

#### ST. PATRICK'S NIGHT.

##### IRISHMEN'S SMOKING CONCERT.

On Tuesday a meeting of Irishmen was held at Riesle's Hotel to determine the most fitting way in which St. Patrick's Night might be celebrated in Siege conditions. A committee was formed consisting of Major Gould-Adams, (Chairman) and Messrs. Byrne, Stokes,

Connolly, Hickson, and Neilly. Mr. Neilly was appointed Sec. and Treasurer, and with him Messrs. Campbell and McKenna were selected to act as a Concert Committee. After a discussion conducted with the usual harmony that marks Irish debates, it was decided that a Smoking Concert should be held at Riesle's Hotel, Mafeking, on Sunday evening, not for the purpose of breaking the Sabbath, but because that is the only evening on which our Irish defenders can be induced to leave the comforts of their trenches, even to toast their patron Saint, and to hear nice things sung of their Green Isle.

It was arranged, having regard to the limited seating accommodation, that only Irishmen should have the privilege of purchasing tickets, the price of which was fixed at 10s. Each ticket-holder will be entitled to bring a guest, no restriction being placed on the matter of sex. Messrs. Connolly and Byrne graciously consented to look after the seating arrangements.

It was unanimously resolved to give the surplus proceeds to Superiress of the Convent.

A genuine Bumper Night has been provided for, and to save disappointment, those who wish to be present should purchase their tickets early. They can do this by applying to Mr. Campbell, Dixon's Hotel; Mr. McKenna, Volunteer Barracks, Town Hall; or J. E. Neilly, No. 1, Riesle's Hotel.

Shillelaghs at 9; Stretchers at 10-30 p.m.

### Mafeking Garrison.

#### GENERAL ORDERS

By Colonel R. S. S. Baden-Powell, Commanding Frontier Force.

MAFEKING, 15TH MARCH, 1900.

*Court of Summary Jurisdiction.*—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet to-morrow, the 16th instant, at the Court House, at 10-15 a.m., for the examination of such prisoners as may be brought before it. President: Major Lord Edward Cecil, D.S.O.; Member: C. G. H. Bell Esq., C.C. & R.M.

By order,  
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ASSESSMENT OF PROPERTY.

FRIDAY, 16TH MARCH, 1900.

### THE SIEGE EXHIBITION.

The Exhibition announced for Sunday 25th should prove a most interesting one, and we hope that the Committee will be able to make some alteration in the matter of photographs that will tempt everyone who has a collection to show it. Several owners of choice sets appear to have determined not to exhibit, imagining that the handing over of a set to the Town Council, according to the terms of the prize conditions, might prejudice their copyright in some mysterious manner. Of course it is needless to say they are quite mistaken in supposing that their rights would be affected in any way, and as the set could be delivered at a future date the present scarcity of paper need not be considered. If intending exhibitors think there should be some further payment for the intrinsic value of the articles handed over, beyond the prize for the best, they should meet and confer with the gentlemen engineering the exhibition, rather than prevent the public being gratified with a sight of many excellent photographs.

### INTERESTING TO SHELL COLLECTORS.

The Committee appointed to carry out the arrangements for the Memorial to those who fell in the defence of Mafeking, want broken shell and pieces of the ninety-four pounder with which to construct or adorn the base of the monument. Any one who has, or can have collected, a quantity of this metal should communicate with Lieut. the Hon. A. Hanbury Tracy, who will arrange for them to be paid at the rate of five shillings per hundred pounds (sixpence for every ten pounds weight of old shells, shrapnel or any other kind).

### GENERAL ORDERS

By Colonel R. S. S. Bullen-Powell, Commanding Frontier Force.

MAFEKING, 16TH MARCH, 1900.

*Court of Summary Jurisdiction.*—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet to-morrow, Saturday, the 17th March, at the Court House, at 10-15 a.m., for the examination of such prisoners as may be brought before it. President: Lieut. Col. C. B. Vyvyan. Member: Major F. W. Panzera.

*Assessment Committee.*—The Assessment Committee will meet on Sunday, the 18th instant, at Dixon's Hotel at 10 a.m. Owners attending at the above place and hour will be informed about what time the Committee will arrive at their respective houses.

*Extra Duty Pay.*—The following rates of Extra Duty Pay have been sanctioned:

Trooper Wehh, C.P. D. II., to be Acting Corporal, with Imperial Extra Duty Pay at rate of 2/6 per diem (in addition to his C.P. pay,) while assisting Sergt. Ahrams with Major Godley's Stadt Guard.

Five Headmen at the rate of 1/- per diem Extra Duty Pay each, as assistants to Sergt. Ahrams.

Lance-Corporal Rowland, Bechuanaland Rifles, to receive Extra Duty Pay at the rate of 2/6 per diem while in charge of Natives, Western Location, to date from 26th October, 1899, inclusive.

*Dog Licences.*—With reference to General Order No. 5, of 6th March, 1900, persons owning licensed dogs are reminded that it is necessary, according to the Municipal Bye-Laws, to attach the tickets issued to them, in respect of licences, to their dogs' collars. Neglect of this regulation leads to considerable trouble, as dogs found without tickets are impounded and have to be redeemed.

By order,  
E. H. CECIL, Major,  
Chief Staff Officer.

### WE WANT PAPER.

If any merchants or others have stock of paper similar to that on which this Slip is printed, or any suitable for printing it on, we shall be obliged if they will communicate with.

TOWNSHEND & SON.

List of names of owners whose property will be assessed on Sunday next, 18th March:—

|               |                          |
|---------------|--------------------------|
| Dixon's Hotel | W. Dowling               |
| "             | J. Chenhalls             |
| Erf No. 67    | D. Bollews               |
|               | (Agent: E. Platnauer)    |
| 50            | G. Lippmann              |
| " 27          | J. Poole                 |
| " 1E          | W. G. Kirkpatrick        |
|               | (Agent: W. J. E. Mahony) |
| " 1B          | J. B. Herd               |
| " 6           | F. Whiteley              |
| " 17          | J. Winter                |
| " 91          | Whiteley, Walker & Co    |
| " 81          | W. T. Murgatroyd         |
| " 122         | D. Brazer                |

### AUCTION SALE.

THE Undersigned will hold their usual Sale on SUNDAY NEXT, commencing at

9-30 A.M.,

and among other Goods will sell, WITH-OUT RESERVE, the personal effects of the late DUNCAN McDONALD, consisting of:

1 Open-faced 18-Carat Gold English Lever Watch; 1 Gold Chain; 1 New Gladstone Bag.

Etc., Etc.

Aldred & Ross,

Government Auctioneers and Sworn Appraisers.

Roll up for New & Good Second-hand Clothing

ALSO

1 Combined Shot and Ball Sporting Gun,

By TOLLEY.



"Austral" Lodge.

No. 2534, E.C.

AN adjourned meeting of above Lodge will be held at the Masonic Hall, at 8-30 p.m. Sunday. Working in the 1st Degree. B.B. are cordially invited.

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Monday, March 19th, 1900.

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The Mafeking Mail.

MONDAY, 19th MARCH, 1900.

### LATEST NEWS.

By the courtesy of the Colonel Commanding we are enabled to publish the following

#### INFORMATION.

The party of cattle-looters who left here on Monday last, returned yesterday. They state that the Boers are very much vexed at the way that they have been treated by cattle-looters. They (the Natives) were unable to capture any cattle owing to the Boers making trenches round their cattle kraals. On their way back to Mafeking they were followed by a party of Boers, who overtook them near the Railway Siding near Madihi. The Baralongs made a stand and killed and wounded 10 of the Boers, and most of their horses. The Boers have now got the funks and are afraid to travel about the country in small numbers. They have informed the Natives that there is an army of about 1,000 Baralongs scattered about the country, and that there are hundreds of them near Madihi under British officers, with two Maxims; also that they were going to move their Western laager to the Border. The Natives were also told, what we have already heard, about Plumer at Lobatsi, etc. The Boers would have taken all the Natives prisoners but for the protests of one Hartmann, a Zarp, who said that if they took away the Natives they would have to fight the Baralongs as well as the English, and that would mean "fighting an iron combined with a rock."

Four runners came in from Kimberley. They left Mafeking on divers dates and have been in Kimberley all the time waiting for the troops to arrive. They found the condition of the inhabitants of Kimberley much worse than ours, and they thought that the place was never going to hold out, as nearly everybody there was starving. It was very pitiful to see ladies and a lot of children running to the bottom of the diamond mines to take shelter against shell fire, and there were so many people that it made things worse.

Their relief came on February 14th, on which date the troops arrived. The Natives have no words to describe the number of the troops; they think that the man who wrote the Bible referred to British troops when he said that there were many tribes among the Israelites and each numbered twelve thousand.

On the 15th the troops brought in thousands of Boers they had captured close to

Macfarlanes, and later on they brought in Cronje and his army. On that day they ate ox meat for the first time.

They came back *via* Barkly West. The troops came *via* Fourteen Streams, and another lot went round *via* Barkly on the 18th February. They left this column at Pniel Mission Station. The Missionary there, together with four others, were taken prisoners and sent to Kimberley for stopping despatch runners. When the Boers heard that a column was advancing on Barkly, they waited three days, and then led to Klipdam.

When they left Barkly they heard that troops were at Warrenton, and the Boers encamped at Fourteen Streams. The Natives say they cannot understand our troops; when they find a number of wagons all they care about are rifles, forage, horses and cattle. They pour paraffin on everything else and burn it, including ammunition and foodstuffs. Before reaching Taungs they heard a heavy cannonade in their direction of Fourteen Streams, and they saw Boers who came from there hurrying back to their farms; these Boers said they had given the fight to the English, but that they were still at the river.

At Maritzani they heard from one Dekooker, who went down last month to reinforce Jan Cronje, that Cronje himself was expected at his farm on Friday, and that the Boers were all crossing the Border.

A member of a cattle raiding party who left here last Saturday, also returned yesterday; they were informed by Natives that the Boers had told them that Colonel Plumer had fought the Dutch, North of Pitsani, and defeated them with loss. The English had a fearful gun on the armoured train, which they used with great effect. Snyman's men left to reinforce the North on Tuesday, but the armoured train got to Lobatsi before them. The Boers informed the Native women that if they wanted to leave Mafeking they had better do so before Sunday as no people would be allowed to leave after that date. The Natives say they expect the Boers would be leaving before them, as Pitsani is not so far away from here.

The Native women (who told the Boers they were Gopani's people, stopped here by the war) have got messages from their Chief saying that the English had a laager near Gopani's, in the Transvaal, and they must be prepared to fly to the English with their arms as soon as there is an opportunity, for they had been armed against his wish.

#### Photographs for the Siege Exhibition.

We are glad to see that the Committee have eliminated all conditions in connection with Class 5, which were likely to prevent

the holders of collections of photographs from exhibiting them. Now those terms at which so many objections were raised, have been withdrawn, we are sure none of those holders will be so selfish as to keep the garrison from viewing the most interesting record of events that modern science enables us to secure.

## A SIEGE EXHIBITION

WILL BE HELD AT THE

MASONIC HALL,

ON

SUNDAY, MARCH 25th, 1900.

COMMITTEE:

Col. Baden-Powell; Major H. J. Goold-Adams, C.B., C.M.G.; C. G. H. Bell, Esq., C.C. & R.M.; Capt. J. R. More; F. White, Esq. (Mayor).

MANAGING DIRECTOR: J. W. De Kock, Esq.

HON. SECRETARY: J. R. Algie, Esq.

#### CLASS.

1. Prize, £5, presented by Col. Baden-Powell, for the Best Model of any locally manufactured Siege Weapon or Armament, or of any Fort or Redan.

2. Prize, £5, presented by Messrs. Wirsing Bros., for the Quaintest or Most Original Curio, ornamental or useful, constructed of any shells or bullets which have been fired into the town by the enemy during the Siege.

3. Prize, £5, for the best piece of Fancy Work made during the Siege.

4. Prize, £5, for the best piece of Lace worked during the Siege.

5. Prize, £5, presented by G. Riesle, Esq., for the best collection of not less than Forty Siege Photos.

And a Second Prize of £2 10s.

6. Prize, £5, presented by the Mafeking Mail, for the best Musical Composition, either Waltz or March. To be written for Piano only, or for Orchestra. The successful composition to be known as the "Mafeking Siege Waltz, or March."

7. Prize, £2 2s., presented by Major H. J. Goold-Adams, for the best Essay on Siege Life. Open to girls under the age of 15.

8. Prize, £2 2s., presented by Major H. J. Goold-Adams, for the best Essay on Siege Life. Open to boys under the age of 15.

With reference to Prizes 7 and 8, all competitors must present themselves for examination at the Masonic Hall, on March 25th inst., at 9 a.m., for the purpose of writing their Essay. They will be allowed until noon to complete their work in the presence of a Commissioner, who will be in attendance and who will supply the necessary writing materials.

9. Prize, £2 2s., presented by C. W. Lucas, Esq., for the best Dressed Doll.

10. Prize, £5, presented by F. Whiteley, Esq., for the best Painting (oil or water colour), or Pen and Ink Sketch, portraying any scene, incident, or character, connected with the Siege.

11. Prize, £2 2s., presented by A. H. Friend, Esq., for the best original Poem or Song. Competing poems or songs must be recited or sung (as the case may be) by the competitors (or any person appointed by them) on the afternoon of the Exhibition.

12. Prize, £5, presented by B. B. Weil, Esq., for the best Siege Anecdote, of not more than 500 words.

13. Prize, £5, presented by Lady's Sarah Wilson, for the best Trimmed Lady's Hat. The hat and material to have been purchased in Mafeking during the Siege. The unsuccessful hats to be sold by auction after Exhibition, if so desired.

#### GENERAL CONDITIONS.

1. The Committee, in due course, will arrange and appoint Judges for each class.

2. All exhibits may be marked "For Sale," except Class 5.

3. All exhibits must be handed in to the Committee or their Nominee, at the Masonic Hall, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 11 a.m., on the morning of the Exhibition.

4. All entries are received.

5. In no class will prize be given unless at least two entries are received.

NOTE.—The Committee will be glad to receive any additional prizes and any suggestions from the Garrison as to the enlargement of the Exhibition.

The Committee will gladly receive a Second Prize for Class 5.

#### NOTICE.

PERSONS having any stock of Starch are requested to communicate with me.

C. M. RYAN, Capt.,  
D.A.A.G.B.

Mafeking, 19th March, 1900.

## Mafeking Garrison.

### GENERAL ORDERS

By Colonel R. S. S. Baden-Powell, Commanding Frontier Force.

MAFEKING, 19TH MARCH, 1900.

*Court of Summary Jurisdiction.*—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet to-morrow, the 20th instant, at the Court House, at 10-15 a.m., for the examination of such prisoners as may be brought before it. President: Major Lord Edward Cecil, D.S.O.; Member: C. G. H. Bell Esq., C.C. & R.M.

*Pay.*—With reference to General Order No. 2, of the 10th March, 1900, the Pay and Allowances of Lieut. Currie will be equivalent to those of a Colonial Officer serving as Lieutenant in the Protectorate Regiment.

*Casualty Returns.*—During the absence in Hospital of Lieut. Moncrieffe, A.D.C., all Casualty Returns should be addressed to Lieut. McKenzie, Headquarter Office, who is temporarily keeping the records.

*Diseases (Animals).*—Contagious or infectious diseases might easily be introduced into our camp through animals captured from the enemy; all captured animals will, therefore, with the least possible delay, be inspected by Vet. Lieut. Dunlop-Smith, A.V.D., and will not be disposed of until his report has been considered.

By order,

E. H. CECIL, Major,  
Chief Staff Officer.

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Tuesday, March 20th. 1900.

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*The Mafeking Mail.*

TUESDAY, 20th MARCH, 1900.

### LATEST NEWS.

By the courtesy of the Colonel Commanding we are enabled to publish the following

#### INFORMATION.

##### NORTH.

Colonel Plumer reports that on Friday last an advanced patrol, under Col. Bodel, met a strong force of Boers advancing from South against Lohatsi, which they then shelled. Colonel Plumer maintained his position there and sent back for his artillery. The following day the enemy only sent a few shells at the position and held a conference amongst themselves. Since then a force of the enemy with three guns have returned here, which may probably be the same that opposed Col. Plumer.

The runners who brought the despatches state that the previous runners were captured by Boers, but hid their letters in time; and that they met two young Boers whose father had sent them to surrender to Plumer, as he knew that the English would soon be victorious everywhere.

### ANOTHER SLAUGHTER IMMINENT EAST OF BLOEMFONTEIN.

News from the South is that Lord Roberts, with Generals Tucker, Kelly-Kenny, Colvill's Division, and French's Cavalry, have surrounded 14,000 Boers and got between them and Bloemfontein.

From the "Bulawayo Chronicle":—

##### KIMBERLEY.

We account for 9,000 out of Cronje's 11,000.

In the course of a speech at the Annual Meeting of the De Beers Company, Mr. Rhodes referred to the defence of Kimberley. The citizen soldiers, he said, numbered only five hundred, and the regulars 1,000 men. The true history of Captain Scott Turner's exploit, Mr. Rhodes now gave to the world for the first time. He narrated how, having taken the redoubts

and made thirty Boers prisoners, Captain Scott Turner found in three days' time that the place was again occupied. He went out with seventy men, of whom only twenty crawled back.

It is estimated that when overtaken Cronje had eleven thousand men. That the number killed at Paardeberg was 3,214, and the number wounded 1,156; 4,820 were made prisoners, and about 2,000 stole away.

The *Times* makes the suggestion in regard to the disposal of Cronje's forces, that they should be sent to St. Helena.

### BRABANT AND DORDRECHT.

General Brabant scored a complete victory over the Boers, who retreated with their guns and wagons, and our men in pursuit. It is officially stated that he attacked the Boers beyond Dordrecht and took their position after a night's march. The enemy brought two guns into action, making a determined fight. General Brabant is now (March 4th) near Jamestown, at Labuschagne's Nek.

### AUSTRALIAN NEWS.

On the recent successes becoming known at Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Brisbane, Hobart and Perth, the populations assembled, sang the National Anthem and cheered Her Majesty, Lord Roberts and General Buller. The Australian Contingent of Bushmen has sailed. The Australians have been asked for another 2,000 men, and 220 guns have been ordered.

### 250,000 OF OUR TROOPS IN THE FIELD.

From London we learn that the Marquis of Lansdowne announced that the efforts of the Government will not be relaxed. During week ending March 4th, 4,700 men would sail for the Cape. The following week 11,800 would depart, and by the end of March the total will be 38,800 for the month. For April 17,800 will leave, making a total of 56,600 for the two months. There will thus be a quarter of a million of men in the field.

### NO PROPOSALS WANTED.

Great Britain must do as she pleases with her own.

The latest pro-Boer proposal is: A permanent treaty, the Surrender of the Boer Artillery, and the Resignation of President Kruger.

### LADYSMITH.

8,000 of the Garrison Ill.

Boers left by train and forgot to take their supplies away.

March 3rd.—Mr. Melton Prior gives details of the relief of Ladysmith. He says: On the sound of the firing General Buller's force seemed to recede; the effect was the lowering of our spirits; then our Naval guns started shelling Bulwaa Hill, it being observed that an attempt was being made to remove the Boer big gun. Something extraordinary was impending, the derrick was smashed, and the attempt was abandoned. The Boers then left in full retreat. It was thought they had deserted our cavalry. An hour later a party of British horsemen was seen crossing the flat at the foot of Bulwana, and soon after a squadron of the Imperial Light Horse rode in. The same day the relieving force, headed by General Buller, paraded the town. The men looked fit, but ragged after their fourteen days' march. Of the garrison of 11,000, 8,000 had passed through the hospital with sickness and wounds. General Buller wired that the enemy had left a vast quantity of supplies, ammunition, tools, and camp individual necessities, but got away with all their guns except two big ones, which we captured. The troops, he says, want a week's rest and new clothes and boots. The Governors of Canada and New South Wales have sent congratulations to Ladysmith on the relief of the town. The first English mail from Ladysmith left yesterday; many of the Boers left by train. The retreat must have been precipitate, as enormous supplies of ammunition, tobacco, cigars, meat and provisions were left behind. Official Boer documents which were found show that over three thousand shells have been fired from Popworth's Hill and Bulwana.

By the courtesy of Mr. Jones, Chemist, we were favoured by the sight of a letter he received yesterday, from a friend at Kimberley, and we extract the following therefrom. The letter was dated February 5th:—

"I am getting pretty anxious about you and the place. I was sorry to see in the papers that you were wounded, but glad to see that it was not serious. Who ever dreamt of such a siege? Here we can almost see our (relief) troops and yet there they have been for over two months, and

likely to remain another two and cannot get in. We have been reduced to horse flesh, or nothing at all, for some time. Children have suffered severely; I lost my little one, 1 year and 19 days old, from diarrhoea, &c. Mr. Allen Hall lost his eldest girl (4 years) from diphtheria. There have been more deaths in Kimberley the last four months than any previous twelve months. A decisive battle ought soon to be fought in Natal, close to Ladysmith, while here one may not come off for another month yet, and your relief may not be for double that time. All here express their deepest sympathy with you being in so much worse a situation than we are here, as we have not to hide ourselves all day, although we all have our underground redoubts. We are fairly safe here (West End), most of the shells go into the town. We have not lost a man through any of the thousand, or more, shells that the Boers have put into the town, but only a few women and children, and they of Dutch descent. The Boers have never dared try to attack Kimberley, simply shelling us, but luckily no hundred-pounder, as you have. De Beers have made a gun, a 25 or 28-pounder, and it has turned out a fair success."

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## NOTICE.

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### £5 REWARD.

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A PRIZE of £5 will be given by the Colonel Commanding to the maker of the best Petroleum Stove.

The Stove will have to produce sufficient heat to do the work required at a Soup Kitchen.

All information can be obtained from Captain Mere, Commanding Railway Division, at Railway Headquarters, between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. daily.

Stoves to be submitted for inspection by March 30th.

Mafeking, 18th March, 1900.

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## Mafeking Garrison.

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### The Mafeking Mail.

WEDNESDAY, 21st MARCH, 1900.

#### HOW SNYMAN GOT FUNKED.

##### St. Patrick's night in Mafeking

There was what the pote called sounds of revelry by night in Riesle's dinin' room last Sunday night, and whenould Snyman sentin to ax what all the row was about an' if the relief column had slipped by his outposts unbeknownst, we tould his shpy to tell him that it was only the Irish Brigade (Baden-Powell's Irish Brigade, you kuow) houldin' a bit iv divarshin bekase it was the birth-day iv their Patrhin' Saint—rest his soul. Our crack shpy wint out at the tail iv Snyman's man widout bein' seen, an' whin he gits to the camp he sees great preparations for a big attack that was to be delivered from a mile or two out, which, be the same token, is the usual fightin' range iv ould Krooger's milecshia-men. Whin the shpy delivered his message Snyman was readin' the Psalms, an' he drooped the book; an' his jaw. Thin he calls for all his generals an' fightin' generals an' field marshals, an', whin they was all gathered together in their cocked hats an' spurs, "Wan Eye" ups an' sez: "Be the powers, boys, ye may put up the big gun an' other things, bekase the gossoon here's been over to the town an' tells me that all thin Irish fellows is celebratin' Saint Patrick's Night, an' always whin they does that they's a ragin' dangeris lot. He sez he looked in through the windy we bruk wid our seven-pounder in October, an' sees Goold-Adams in the chairshmokin' a seegar, an' beside him the boss Cornel, dhressed in black, an' also shmokin' a seegar to keep his timper cool. He's a devilish dangeris man at his coolest, an' he jahers, if he has to keep his dandher smowldherin', ould Nick himself must be in his head an' he'll take a lot iv watchin' an' batin'. He also sez, sez he, the sojer fellows is lickerin' up, an' mother iv Moses if they git on the run out here whin they're dhruunk wid the Cornel at the head an' thin fellows FitzClarence an' Bentinck an' the Dublin Fugileer ohap Godley, an' the little fellow that throws the dynamite at me men, all yellin' an' bawlin' an' shoutin' 'faugh-a-hallagh' it'll be time to dhraw up stakes an' git out iv this, an' the saints

presarve us, amin. Remimber, boys, in case I'm somewheres else in the battle-field or perhaps taken away wid a suddint call to look afther that devil Plumer whin the shindy's on, yer instructions is only to hould the town where it is—not to come to close quarters mind ye, or play the quare boy preind hein' to be brave an' comin' widin houldin' distance iv thin pigstickers they've got. Boor range does it, hhoys, an' remimber the raisin we gev ye these four-mile rifles is to keep you out iv danger, an' if ye want get widin a thousand yards iv that shpalpeen Powell yiz is dun for. Thin up gits a fellow named Dhrake or Snake, or some sich name, an' sez: "Thru for ye, if I wasn't a threuborn renegade I'd say he knocked the bottom out iv our pluck the first time he seen us afther hoshtilities busted out, sez he. I'm towld he a friend that knew him whin he was a Hoozar man, that he'd knock shpots out iv even the Rooshins or Frinch, or the Jarmans if the Queen'd only let him have a shlap at thin. He's done more'n most, an' the Queen med him a Dhragoon, an' that's the kind iv chap that wears a brass hat wid a lot iv horsehair stieckin' out iv it as a kind iv mark that they're the hist kind iv horsemen an' kin lick the world. If yiz take the combination, gentlemen, iv a Dhragoon wid the devil's own name as a fightin' man at the head iv a gang iv Irishmen full iv Saint Patrick's Night, yiv somethin' worse nor a smowldherin' burnin' mountain to dale wid. Thin's my words, I'm done," sez he. Thin all the shuparior officers got white about the gills, bekase they didn't like to hear that man spake that way, an' as they was all too much upset to howld any farther ecloggin an' blatherin' ould "Wan-Eye" waves his hand and sez: "Very well, gentlemen, dismiss the p'rade, sez he, I'm just goin' to dhrop over as far as Ramathalabama, sez he, an' see if the hhoys has blown up the line properly."

As the general an' others filed out, ould Dhrake sez undher his breath: "Aye, me fine bucco, it's a say thrup on Table Bay in a gunboat wid Mr. Cronje ye're not hankerin' afther."

Wid that Mr. Snyman blew out his candle an' mounted an' rode off, havin' locked the dure iv his tint, bekase he knew his hhoys was the slickest hands at lootin' that was ever seen by creation, an' a tint that can't fire a shot is as handy to rob as a wounded man that has a hall through his spleen an' can't fire bekase he's unconscious an' as good as dead for the time hein'. Snyman got over the

border as soon as he was far enough away not to be spotted, an' whin he was enjoyin' a power iv a walkin' nightmare an' listenin' for the sounds of firin' an' the funny noise the haynits make whin they intrude in a mortal man's ribs, the Irish hhoys was singin' an' palaverin' an' tellin' stories, an' remimberin' their Patrhin' Saint as every good man shud, an' why shudn't the Irishman, he raisin iv the sarcumstance that Paddy,—the saints be gud to him—put the curse on all the snakes an' toads an' sich things that the poor Englishman has to put up wid still, an' left his word that the best anecdote against snakebite is Irish whiskey, an' all thrue hhoys iv the sod should dhriuk plenty iv it on the Seventeenth, just to keep up the thrade iv manufacturin' it, h-kase bein' a far-seein' man an' knowin' that most min iv the ould country is teetotallers he was afraid that the dishilleries 'id die out like the shpuds whin the blight's about.

There was atin' an' dhrinkin', but very little in both, but the hhoys was satisfied to think that little Plumer's got lashins' an' lavin's over at Kanya, an' the day'll come when the Cornel 'll sind it aroun' an' say: "Dhriuk, hhoys. Ye desarve a dhrop for houldin' the town an' keepin' the scallywags out."

"Soher? Is it soher, ye ax? No man got more'n would dhrop into a thimble, an' barrin' a little thumpin' iv the table an' shoutin' an' chourisin' there wasn't enough noise to waken a baby, an' as every man had to lave his walkin' shtick at the dure goin' in, an' the chap that brought the leg iv an iron bed up his sleeve was turned back as bein' dangeris there was no row, an' as the hhoys had the chance of plenty iv fight lather on they saved up their passion like Captain Ryan saves up the grub, an' everything passed off quietly, an' the min wint back to their snug thrinches an' other holes as peaceably as any peeler would be inclined to ax them to do it.

Reuter's Special Correspondent in Mafeking received letters from Kimberley by the last runners, acknowledging the receipt of his despatches, and containing several interesting items of news. The letters were dated upon the eighth of February, that is to say, upon the eve of the relief of Kimberley. The runners who brought them, witnessing the entry of the troops.

Mr. C. M. Luard, Reuter's Agent in Kimberley, says: "We now have helio communication by day and search light by night with the relief column;



when it is coming in is quite a matter of uncertainty, as the enemy are in great numbers, and have a most strongly fortified position at Spytfontein. We go on much the same here as usual, and lately have been sitting tight without much in the way of sorties.

At Analfi, in Italy, near Naples, they have had a bad landslide, the whole of the Hotel and adjoining Convent falling right down suddenly into the sea.

There is not much European news of interest. All the nations are keeping quiet, with an occasional hark at England.

Sir James Paget is dead.

Everybody is admiring Mafeking, and we all hope now that the Boer pressure around you has been loosened.

Mr. G. A. L. Green, the well known editor of the *Diamond Fields Advertiser*, who was such a staunch upholder of the rights of the *Uitlander*, writes as follows: "The British forces for the relief of Kimberley are still at Modder River; no one knows when the advance will be made, but we are quite confident that this time things will be alright. Roberts and Kitchener between them should see the business through. We have had a warm time here, but you are heroes in Mafeking and no mistake. Good luck to you all, and a safe return."

It is interesting to notice how absolutely secret the intended advance of the British troops was kept, even upon the eve of their relief the inhabitants of Kimberley seemed to have had no idea that the next day would see the town "shot clean," as the Dutchmen themselves would say.

## Mafeking Garrison.

### GENERAL ORDERS

By Colonel R. S. S. Bullen-Powell, Commanding Frontier Force.

MAFEEKING, 21ST MARCH, 1900.

*Reconnoitring.*—The Colonel Commanding has received, with much satisfaction, from Major Godley, a report on the smart bit of scouting performed last night by Lieut. Moorsom and Sergt. McDowell, of the Protectorate Regiment, by which one of the enemy's works was well reconnoitred and useful information was gained.

*Signalling.*—The Colonel Commanding is much pleased with the very satisfactory progress which is being made by the Signallers in signalling practice; there is a very marked improvement all round, which will be of great value when we go into the field.

*Desertion.*—Another case of desertion occurred this morning through the fault of the sentry, who saw the man go. He should not have hesitated one moment about shooting him down when he saw his intention. Sentries are warned that they are themselves liable to suffer death as a punishment for neglect of duty of this description.

*Court of Summary Jurisdiction.*—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet on Thursday, the 22nd March, at the Court House, at 10-15 a.m., for the examination of such prisoners as may be brought before it. President: H. H. Major Gould-Adams, C.B., C.M.G. Member: Lieut.-Colonel C. O. Hore.

*Medical Comforts.*—*Issue on Payment.*—Such persons as are authorised to draw medical comforts from the Victoria Hospital Issuing Store, on payment, are required to provide themselves with baskets or bags to remove the articles issued. As these issues of medical comforts are only made on payment, no change is available at the Hospital. Purchasers are also warned that they must provide themselves with sufficient cash to pay on receipt of their purchases.

By order,

E. H. CECIL, Major,  
Chief Staff Officer

## NOTICE.

### £5 REWARD.

A PRIZE of £5 will be given by the Colonel Commanding to the maker of the best Petroleum Stove.

The Stove will have to produce sufficient heat to do the work required at a Soup Kitchen.

All information can be obtained from Captain More, Commanding Railway Division, at Railway Headquarters, between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. daily.

Stoves to be submitted for inspection by March 30th.

Mafeking, 18th March, 1900.

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The Mafeking Mail.

THURSDAY, 22ND MARCH, 1900.

### COMPENSATION.

Now our troubles are nearing an end, folks thoughts naturally turn towards the reduced condition of their pockets, consequent on the Siege, and in connection therewith it is gratifying to learn that His Honour the Mayor is turning his attention to the important question of compensation. We are glad it is being taken up thus promptly. Knowing how slowly these matters generally move it might be feared the Bankruptcy Court would claim as victims some whose deficit has been caused solely by this war, before their just claims were settled unless they were promptly brought forward. It has been suggested that the Chamber of Commerce and the Town Council should form a Joint Committee to examine, arrive at an estimation and discuss the matter and compensation necessary, then petition the High Commissioner upon the subject. Doubtless it will be possible to obtain for the cause the support and recommendation of Colonel Baden-Powell, who already has considerably communicated with the authorities thereon.

### LATEST NEWS.

The following news has been received to-day:—

Colonel Plumer is advancing steadily and the Boers are retiring before him. He has been reinforced from Salisbury, and further men and supplies are being pushed on to him.

A Reuter's wire received from Capetown states that a force has been despatched North of Kimberley to clear the country to Mafeking, keeping straight along the line and opening lines of communication. This force will arrive at Mafeking early next month. Natives reported that they have reached Phokwani, 150 miles from here.

The Boers Western laager has been considerably reduced, and it is rumoured that a number of wagons have retired in the direction of Polfontein.

### TROOPS COMING TO MAFEKING.

Lord Iyeha has given an entire Hospital Corps for the Irish Yeomanry Volunteers and will maintain it in the field as long as required, at his own expense.

At the Boer attack on Ladysmith, on January 6th, the British losses were:—

*Killed*: 13 officers, 135 rank and file.

*Wounded*: 28 officers, 244 rank and file.

And deaths from disease, up to that date, were 60. Of the Imperial Light Horse Lieuts. Adams and Pakeman were killed, and Major Edwards (5th Dragoon Guards), Commanding, Lieuts. Codrington and Richardson (11th Hussars) attached, Maj. Karrie-Davies, Major Doveton, Lieut. Masterson and Lieutenant Campbell were wounded.

John Rnskin and Lord Queensbury are dead.

Several of the different County Yeomanry Corps have been given Maxim guns, by private individuals.

A regular society has been formed by the owners of hotels and villas along the Riviera to take, free of expense, Officers and others who are invalidated home from the Transvaal, and want a warm climate.

Some of the Insurance offices have come forward and said they will not charge the ruinous high extra premiums for men in the Reserve or Volunteers wishing to come out here; this had, they say, stopped a lot of men who had offered to come.

Poole, the great London tailor, has offered to provide 100 of the Volunteer Yeomanry with a complete outfit of khaki breeches, tunic, helmet, water-bottle, and putties, free of expense.

General Gatacre has occupied Stormberg and the Boers have gone from Arnudel.

Col. Hon. H. White had gone back to Col. Plumer to Lobatsi, quite cured of his wound.

### THE CRONJE SURRENDER.

He fought well at the last.

### Fearful Carnage.

The following are the telegrams as they were despatched

from Paardeberg describing the victory over Cronje:—

Feb. 18th.—Gen. Kelly-Kenny, in pursuit of Cronje, caught up his rear-guard at Klipdrift and followed it to the Boer laager at Paardeberg. Two drifts were seized. Kelly-Kenny enclosed the enemy and commenced a general attack. The battle was a replica of Modder River, the soldiers under fire all day. The Boers confess they lost 800 killed. Cronje continued a grim resistance from Feb. 15th. The British brought 110 guns to bear. Impossible not to admire Cronje's grim resistance.

Feb. 22nd.—Cordon round the enemy been closed. Highland Brigade worked sternly. During last night enemy drifted into our lines in couples, saying they were sick of the struggle and had been asking Cronje to surrender. Gen. Macdonald's wound in the foot not severe. Lord Kitchener has refused an armistice. Repairs to railway, north of Kimberley, being pushed forward with utmost speed.

Feb. 23rd.—Gen. Cronje still surrounded. His night march from Magersfontein was splendid, but ended in a death trap, Modder river being enfladed by the Howitzers and 4.7 inch Naval field-guns at 1000 yards range. The Boer camp is only one mile square, and the carnage is fearful.

Feb. 24th.—Desperate fighting still proceeding at Paardeberg, Cronje's position hopeless. Troops gradually closing in. Gen. French has captured a position which prevents re-inforcements joining Cronje, who has again refused to surrender. Gen. French has captured 82 prisoners and the Buffs, who got within 150 yards of the

enemy, took 80 prisoners. Cronje has curtly refused offer of safe conduct to women and children. 450 prisoners taken altogether.

Feb. 27th.—Cronje surrendered unconditionally to Lord Roberts with all his force this morning. He was forced out by the bombardment, his family with him. He is to be treated with great respect in consequence of his brave defence. It is believed 3,000 more Boer prisoners taken, the rest of his forces were killed or deserted. Gen. French, with the cavalry brigade and artillery, was despatched to Springfontein, 25 miles N. of Bethulie. They have sieged a position which will stop the junction of any force between the Stormberg and Colesberg Boers. The Boers have made a new drift over the Orange River and are retreating directly east. The Boer prisoners call Cronje a murderer. The Free State Government are removing to Winburg, 60 miles from Bloemfontein. The Boers are concentrating 30 miles from Bloemfontein. President Kruger went from Pretoria to confer with the Generals. Joubert is to go to take command in the Free State, and Kruger himself in Natal.

## HER MAJESTY'S LETTER

The following extract from English papers is published for general information:—

"The Queen has sent the following gracious message through Sir A. Bigge to the Hon. G. R. Vernon and the Hon. Mrs. Vernon, on the death of their son, Capt. Ronald Vernon, 60th Rifles, who was killed in the heroic sortie from Mafeking Dec. 26th:

"Her Majesty had heard high praise of your gallant son, and felt proud of him and all who have so nobly resisted the siege of Mafeking. The Queen desires me to say how sincerely she sympathizes with Mrs. Vernon and you in this crushing blow. Her Majesty knows that in such moments words can do little to bring real comfort, but Her Majesty feels that in your sadness there will be the lasting bright thought that

your son gave his life in devoted and self-sacrificing service to Queen and country. The Queen would much like to have a photograph of him if you will kindly send one."

## LOCAL MEMS.

SOME Natives who returned last week with captured cattle, killed three Boers at Jackal Tree. One of the Native boys fell, wounded in the leg. The Boers asked him a lot of questions and then,—cut his throat.

ONE of the party strayed and was captured by Lottering, of Maritzani, who said he would not kill him but keep him as a servant. One of Lottering's sons took the boy outside and shot him dead. Providence, however, was soon on the murderer's track, for the following day when he started to capture a wagon at Madibi, some Baralongs met and killed both him and his horse.

NATIVE scouts reporting the Boers' intention to clear and remove their Western laager near to where the Transvaal border used to be, said that the rebel Boers wanted their wives and daughters to go with them, but the women declined, saying our troops would treat them fairly if they found them on British territory, but severely if they caught them in the Transvaal.

NATIVE report of the relief of Kimberley says: "One could almost think the people were going to die of joy. They cheered and shouted as loudly as the Native women do at the singing and dancing ceremonies."

WITH reference to the bringing in of Cronje and his men, they say: "It was very marvellous for them to see so many men being driven in, like a lot of boys, by other warriors."

DR. W. A. HAYES returns thanks to the persons who having cleared his pantry, left his dishes, &c., in the front garden.

CRICKET.—Last Sunday morning a good even match was played between twelve of the Bechuanaland Rifles and twelve of D Squadron, Protectorate Regiment, resulting in a win for the former by 119 against 103 all out. The top scores of the Rifles were 42 by Sergt. Bull, and 36 by Pte. Walker, and for the Protectorate Regiment 20 by Captain Fitz-Clarence.

COLLECTORS of Boer scrap iron are reminded that shrapnel is not required, but any amount of common shell pieces will be received by Captain More, at the Railway Department, in the morning between 9 and 10 o'clock.

By special runners Mr. Ben Weil, on Monday, received the pleasing intelligence that he is another father, and, by the same token, it's a boy.

THE LYING LADE: rumour has been busy again. This time she tells of the death of a wealthy old man in London, by whose will the whole of his enormous personal estate is to be divided amongst the Defenders of Mafeking. The amount is so large that every man jack of them will get about £80. Any speculator wishing to buy our share for cash down had better bring the "spondulicks" to the office at once. No offer, reasonable or otherwise, refused.

"GOT 'EM AGAIN."

*Overheard at Ellis's Corner.*

1st Toper: "I say, Bill, Lord Roberts must be an old boozier."

2nd Toper: Well, I hear 'he's got 'em again,' somewheres near Bloemfontein."

PRIVATE letters will in future be sent by the Intelligence Department, by runners, in batches of 30 (letters, not runners) at a time. First come, first served, the communications will be despatched in the order they are received. Don't all speak at once.

YESTERDAY a coach was seen to drive up to the Boer laager. An individual who, from his shiny topper and brief bag, might have been an attorney, got out, and hastily made his way to the Headquarter's tent, followed by several men from the camp. After about ten minutes the men were seen to rush out, three hurriedly mounted horses and scampered off, one North, one South, and another in the direction of the Transvaal.

The Western laager shrunk considerably yesterday. The Boers are fading away.

FORT AYR does not do much to encourage them to stay. For instance, from this fort, yesterday a seven-pounder, directed at the "Standard & Diggers" Trench, the last one made by the enemy in their encroachment on our Western front is situated 1,000 yards from Fort Ayr, the pious Boers in avoidance of personal discomfort, constructed it during the Sundays of January—landed right into the embrasure from which the five-pound high velocity had been making itself a nuisance. This shut it up. Bravo, Fort Ayr!

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FRIDAY, 23RD MARCH, 1900.

#### THE ATTACK AT CABERONES.

(From the Bulawayo Chronicle.)

On the night before the attack two hundred men were told off to go forward in two columns, their orders being to use the bayonet only. The march was made in dead silence, and at about 4 a.m. the men deployed into line and moved forward. When we were within a few yards of the top of the kopje, the enemy commenced firing, and with a wild cheer we rushed forward. The firing was tremendously heavy and the top of the kopje was covered with wire entanglements, trees, thorn bushes, and stone schanzes, pits, etc., while the hill itself, with its huge boulders, was one of the hardest we have climbed. By this time the moon was down and it was pitch dark. Three dynamite mines were exploded, and the Dutch kept on firing at point blank range, with case shot, into friend and foe alike. We gained the top of the kopje, went through their position without firing a shot, and then, after a slight pause, down the other side. The darkness was intense, it being impossible to see more than a few yards. The Boers were cute enough to keep still, as we passed through and over them, lying quietly among the rocks, and then getting up and firing into our backs. We marched back to camp by a circuitous route, our casualties being five killed and twenty-four wounded, three of whom died. The enemy, imagining we had retired the way we came, kept up

a heavy fire in that direction whereas only about thirty men who were in reserve and did not go up the kopje, retired that way. The loss of the enemy is not known; but it is estimated to be more than ours.

The *Argus* says: "The military authorities are determined to avail themselves of all the Colonial assistance that may offer. The Commander-in-chief, recognising the services rendered by the Colonial troops, authorised the formation of a division. Col. Brabant, M.L.A., C.M.G., was given the local and temporary rank of Brigadier General, and is in command. Brabant's horse, with several other irregular corps and mounted contingents from the infantry volunteer regiments, will form the first portion of this force, and its first object will be to drive the enemy out of the Colony." It has been decided to raise a further 1,500 mounted irregulars. Recruiting stations will be open in all parts of the Colony, and it is proposed to elect the officers from Colonial gentlemen, or those with Colonial experience.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

BETWEEN

PRESIDENTS KRUGER AND STEYN  
AND LORD ROBERTS.

The Boers' letter says: "That British troops are contrary to the usage of civilized warfare, blowing up and burning farms, and devastating, making unprotected women and children homeless and starving. This happens not only in places where barbarians are encouraged by British officers, but even in Cape Colony and this State, where white brigands come out for the theatre of war, with the evident intention of carrying on general devastation, without any reason recognised by the customs of war, and without furthering

operations. We wish to protest against such acts."

Lord Roberts' reply says: "I acknowledge Your Honours telegram charging British troops with the destruction of property contrary to the recognised usages of war, and with brigandage and devastation. These charges are made in vague general terms, no specific cases being mentioned or evidence given. I have seen such charges made before in the press, but in no case, that has come under my notice, have they been substantiated.

"Most stringent instructions have been issued to British troops to respect private property as far as compatible with the conduct of military operations. All wanton destruction or injury to peaceful inhabitants is contrary to British practice and tradition, and will, if necessary, be rigorously repressed by me.

"I regret Your Honours should have seen fit to repeat untrue statements that barbarians have been encouraged by British officers to commit depredations. In the only case in which a raid has been perpetrated by Native subjects of the Queen, the act was contrary to the instructions of the British officers nearest the spot, and entirely disconcerted his operations.

"The women and children taken prisoners by Natives was restored to their homes by the agency of the British officer before mentioned.

"I regret to say that it is the Republican forces which have in some cases been guilty of carrying on war in a manner not in accordance with civilized usage. I refer especially to the expulsion of loyal subjects of Her Majesty from their homes in the invaded districts of this Colony, because they refused to be commandeered by the invaders.

"It is barbarous to attempt to force men to take a side against their own sovereign and country by threat of spoliation and expulsion. Many women and children have had to leave their homes owing to such compulsion, and many of those who were formerly in comfortable circumstances are now living on charity.

"That war should inflict hardships and injury on peaceful inhabitants is inevitable, but it is desired by Her Majesty's Government, and it is my intention, that this war shall be conducted with as little injury as possible to peaceful inhabitants and to private property, and I hope Your Honours will exercise your authority to ensure it being conducted in a similar spirit on your side."

## CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor *Mafeking Mail*.

Mafeking, March 22nd, 1900.

SIR,—What have I ever done to you to cause you to do your best, in which you have succeeded wonderfully, especially in these times when liquor is scarce, to have my place inundated with callers clamouring to see me, to congratulate me, and with anxious eyes and longing mouths waiting for me to open a bottle or two of the good old wine to drink to the health of the newly born son. I would not mind if the news were correct, but as such is not the case, I will feel obliged if you will kindly insert in your next issue asking the informant to call on Mr. B. Weil, when he will be received with open arms and closed fists.

Yours faithfully,

B. WEIL.

[Apparently our jubilation was too prevalent. We cannot understand how we could have been so misinformed except upon the hypothesis that "coming events cast their shadows before them."—Ed.]

W.T.H.—Thanks for the kind offer you make on back of the M.S.S. We feel sure the "copy" is high-class, but would be much better able to judge if we saw it type written.

## Mafeking Garrison.

### GENERAL ORDERS

By Order R. S. S. Baden-Powell, Commanding Frontier Force.

MAFeking, 23RD MARCH, 1900.

*Court of Summary Jurisdiction.*—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet on Saturday, the 24th March, at the Court House, at 10-15 a.m., for the examination of such prisoners as may be brought before it. President: Lieut.-Col. C. B. Vyvyan. Member: Major F. W. Panzera.

*Assessment Committee.*—The Assessment Committee will meet on Sunday, 25th inst., at Dixon's Hotel at 10 a.m. Owners attending at the above place and hour will be informed about what time the Committee will arrive at their respective houses.

*Pay.*—The pay of Mr. H. P. Dennison, Chief Clerk to the D.A.A.G.(n), is increased from 12/- to 15/- per diem. Such increase to date from 15th inst. inclusive.

By order,

E. H. CECIL, Major,  
Chief Staff Officer.

## A SIEGE EXHIBITION

WILL BE HELD AT THE

MASONIC HALL,

—ON—

SUNDAY, MARCH 25th, 1900.

### COMMITTEE:

Col. Baden-Powell; Major H. J. Goold-Adams, C.B., C.M.G.; C. G. H. Bell, Esq., C.C. & R.M.; Capt. J. R. More; F. Whiteley, Esq. (Mayor).

MANAGING DIRECTOR: J. W. De Kock, Esq.

HON. SECRETARY: J. R. Algie, Esq.

### CLASS.

1. Prize, £5, presented by Col. Baden-Powell, for the Best Model of any locally manufactured Siege Weapon or Armament, or of any Fort or Redan.

Second Prize, £2 2s., presented by Major F. W. Panzera.

2. Prize, £5, presented by Messrs. Wirsing Bros., for the Quaintest or Most Original Curio, ornamental or useful, constructed of any shells or bullets which have been fired into the town by the enemy during the Siege.

3. Prize, £5, for the best piece of Fancy Work made during the Siege.

4. Prize, £5, for the best piece of Lace worked during the Siege.

5. Prize, £5, presented by G. Riesle, Esq., for the best collection of not less than Forty Siege Photos.

And a Second Prize of £2 10s.

6. Prize, £5, presented by the *Mafeking Mail*, for the best Musical Composition, either Waltz or March. To be written for Piano only, or for Orchestra. The successful composition to be known as the "Mafeking Siege Waltz, or March."

7. Prize, £2 2s., presented by Major H. J. Goold-Adams, for the best Essay on Siege Life. Open to girls under the age of 15.

8. Prize, £2 2s., presented by Major H. J. Goold-Adams, for the best Essay on Siege Life. Open to boys under the age of 15.

With reference to Prizes 7 and 8, all competitors must present themselves for examination at the Masonic Hall, on March 25th inst., at 9 a.m., for the purpose of writing their Essay. They will be allowed until noon to complete their work in the presence of a Commissioner, who will be in attendance and who will supply the necessary writing materials.

9. Prize, £2 2s., presented by C. W. Lucas, Esq., for the best Dressed Doll.

10. Prize, £5, presented by F. Whiteley, Esq., for the best Painting (oil or water colour), or Pen and Ink Sketch, portraying any scene, incident, or character, connected with the Siege.

11. Prize, £2 2s., presented by A. H. Friend, Esq., for the best original Poem or Song. Competing poems or songs must be recited or sung (as the case may be) by the competitors (or any person appointed by them) on the afternoon of the Exhibition.

12. Prize, £5, presented by B. B. Weil, Esq., for the best Siege Anecdote, of not more than 500 words.

13. Prize, £5, presented by Lady's Sarah Wilson, for the best Trimmed Lady's Hat. The hat and material to have been purchased in Mafeking during the Siege. The unsuccessful hats to be sold by auction after Exhibition, if so desired.

### GENERAL CONDITIONS.

1. The Committee, in due course, will arrange and appoint Judges for each class.

2. All exhibits may be marked "For Sale."

3. All exhibits must be handed in to the Committee or their Nominee, at the Masonic Hall, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 11 a.m., on the morning of the Exhibition.

4. All entries free.

5. In no class will prize be given unless at least two entries are received.

The Exhibition will open at 3 p.m.

Admission 1s. Competition Free.

During the afternoon the Mafeking Amateur Orchestral Society will play selections.

## I. COHEN,

London Tailor, Mafeking.

WISHES to acquaint the Public of Mafeking and District that he has no connection with any other Tailor in Mafeking. He is still acting as Cutter himself personally, the same as he has been doing for the last 1 years, never having depended on workmen for the cutting, and intends to continue doing in the future as he has done in the past.

Aldred & Ross' Usual Sunday

## SIEGE SALE.

The above, duly instructed, will sell:

Effects of the late Capt. Hon. D. H. Marsham,

" " " E. G. Parslow,

" " " Trooper Webb, C.P.

Also 18-carat Gold Watch; 2 Double-barrelled Shot Guns; Bicycles; Second-hand Clothing; Double Set Mule Harness; Underclothing; Boots; Shoes, etc., etc.

No Reserve. 9-30 A.M.

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SATURDAY, 24TH MARCH, 1900.

### OUR HEALTH BILL.

When we read the letter from Kimberley, published in these columns last Tuesday, relating the excessive mortality in that town during four months of the siege, which was three times higher than the normal rate, and also the despatch from Ladismithe, telling of eight thousand of a garrison of 11,000 having been under Hospital treatment during a similar period, we ought to congratulate ourselves upon our great good fortune regarding hygienic conditions. If we take the Victoria Hospital returns of the number of patients treated since October 12th, the day we were cut off, *i.e.*, 382 Europeans, although acknowledging in justice to the Hospital staff, that this number of cases has been a severe strain upon its powers, the proportion to the garrison, a little over 14 p.c., is most remarkably low, while the daily average of 48 patients, or barely 2½ per cent of the Europeans, is also a subject for congratulation. In this daily average we have not included the convalescents, but their number is scarcely worth while including, as it would not make the average of those unavailable for duty exceed the low per centage just mentioned. There has been, in addition to the patients included, in the Victoria Hospital returns, an average of five or six in the Women's Laager Hospital, which has been established some three months, and there are also various Dressing Stations, at the Bridge, the Brickfields, Maj. Godley's &c., which we have not included as their ministrations men confined almost entirely to natives. With reference to these remarks *re* the Hospital, we do not wish it to be imagined that we are tacitly approving the work done, or its methods, which is a subject we reserve our right to call public attention to directly circumstances render it possible, we simply quote these figures, which include our wounded, to show how hygienically fortunate we have been, compared with Ladismithe and Kimberley. With regard to Native statistics they show an equally low proportion of sickness and mortality. Any one, who has given but a little attention to this subject, knows that the Natives, particularly our local races, succumb sooner to disease than whites, and moreover their mode of living makes

mortality amongst them more easily affected by any fluctuation of the food supply. Given a few plentiful years and their numbers increase enormously, while on the contrary, one seasons drought sends their death rate up to extraordinary height. There have been several years drought and the consequent distress was considerably increased by the loss of cattle through rinderpest. Without doubt, had there been no war, the fine rains would have rendered this year a much better one for them than they have had for nearly a decade, but the war stopped cultivation of the land, and the result is that this season proved no better for them, in the matter of food supply, than past years and it might have been expected that sickness and mortality would have been abnormally high amongst them. Such, however, has not been the case. That there have been instances of weakly ones, succumbing to the privations which all have to share, whether white or black, no one would dispute, but to suppose that these cases were sufficient, or sufficiently important, to form an excuse for the most Quixotic negrophile to rampage over, is utterly absurd. Even supposing it were true, which it certainly is not, that any had died for need of food which had been uselessly locked up from them; in plain language: had they been starved to death, anyone who has witnessed the daily starvation of whites, and the sacrifice of those lives in the principal towns of Great Britain, would feel but a very slight pang on hearing of a few losses amongst a syphilitic and leprous-stricken black race. But no such preventible mortality has occurred, and what we desire particularly to point out is: that even were the Natives included in our calculation of those subjected to medical treatment during the siege, the health of Mafeking would still compare favourably with that of other besieged towns. A fact which we have reason to be most thankful for.

Extract from Official Telegrams copied from the London Times, of January 5th:—

### DORDRECHT.

Lieutenant Montmorency, 21st Lancers, reinforced by 100 Cape Mounted Rifles and 4 guns, went to relieve a Dordrecht detachment of 28, fell in with the enemy at Lahuschagne's Nek, seven miles from Dordrecht, drove Boers from their position and relieved the missing party, except four Cape Mounted

Rifles and three Cape Police; our casualty was one severely wounded. By latest reports enemy's loss thirty. At 3.40 Captain Goldsworthy with 50 Cape Mounted Police arrived on the scene in support of the party; our men retired in a south-westerly direction towards the camp. The detachment were cut off by the enemy the previous night, owing to their refusal to leave a wounded officer, Lieut. Warren, Brabant's Horse. These (40) men, under Lieutenants Milton and Turner defended themselves most gallantly against the repeated attacks of some 800 Boers. The enemy resorted to sniping during the night, renewing a heavy fire at daylight, when they were again repulsed with loss. Lieutenant Montmorency and the scouts, loaded with quantities of ammunition, mounted the cliffs on the South side in the nick of time, as Lieut. Milford's ammunition was running short. The Boers fled hastily, contenting themselves with firing from the hills at long ranges. That our loss was so slight is to be explained only by the bad shooting and poor courage shown by the enemy. The enemy tried the white flag trick with Lieut. Milford, but without effect, while our reply to the usual volley accompanying their white flag, killed two of them. The enemy crept down and shot Milford's horses, for which there was no room in the position he had taken up. They dared not, however, come to close fighting with him now.

On or about December 30th the rebels attacked Dordrecht in considerable force, but were repulsed with a loss of 8 men and 13 horses killed, our casualties were four wounded. From a conversation I had with a Lieutenant I learn that 33 Boer horses were found dead round the position. The 13 being only these counted in one spot. Lieut. Milford describes the white flag incident as follows:—"A large party of Boers came trotting quietly forward having Kaffirs in front dressed like black police, and naturally were mistaken, as it was intended, for friends coming to the relief of our men; when the Boers drew close, two moved to the right and hoisted a white flag, upon which the remainder galloped swiftly to a near position under cover. The trick was discovered too late to check the Boers, but the two men with the flag were shot. The Boers had express cartridges with a copper tube in the nose of the bullet. I have also seen Mauser cartridges with soft nose bullets picked up near Dordrecht." Swanelele, the Commandant at Stormberg, has died of his wounds. On January 2nd Gahere reported seven Mounted Police still missing.

The rebels in Barkly district were reported to be demoralised by the occupation of Dordrecht, and immediately armed the Natives of Barkly East. It was, however, considered that the latter would remain loyal.



## LORD ROBERTS AT BLOEM-FONTEIN.

The Union Jack flying over the Presidency.

Mr. Rhodes ill.

(Reuter) Capetown, March 14th.

Bloemfontein was occupied by the British without opposition. The officials met Roberts two miles outside the town, and handed over the keys. The Union Jack is now flying over the Presidency.

It is believed that the wagon bridge at Colesberg has been further damaged.

The transport "Mamla" with Boer prisoners on board has sailed for St. Helena.

The Boers have evacuated Van Wyk's Vlei, and have occupied Vosburg.

Rhodes is suffering from influenza.

It has been discovered that the Dutch held communication with the Boer prisoners at Simonstown by placing letters in watermelons.

The culmination of Roberts' strategy and splendid generalship was reached to-day, when the British entered Bloemfontein, practically unopposed.

General French, having cut the railway and telegraph lines, experienced a slight skirmish with the enemy, who were holding some kopjes to the south-east of the town. Early in the morning the first cavalry brigade moved forward, and occupied several kopjes east of the town, and which commanded it. The enemy still remained in the kopjes to the south of town, but a few shells drove them off, and the town surrendered. Lord Roberts was escorted to the town by the Acting State Secretary, and was enthusiastically cheered by a large number of residents. When the Commander-in-Chief entered the Presidency, the crowd outside sang "God save the Queen," which was repeated after the Union Jack was hoisted, amid deafening cheers.

The military correspondent of the Press Association, writing *re* General Gatacre, says, *inter alia*: "That officer has already shown himself to be one of the most capable generals in the field. In previous campaigns he has carried out operations of which many military commanders of a similar rank are not unnaturally envious. In the present instance the difficulties of the task before him are augmented by having under his command a force which is totally unsuited to the work which it is expected to perform. Until General Gatacre's column is reinforced with more artillery

and cavalry, it is difficult to see how it can keep pace with the other columns.

Mr. Selous, interviewed by a home paper, said in reference to the remark, "Apparently after getting into the Free State, our troops will have a flat country to traverse; no more kopjes?" "It is a mistake," he replied "to suppose that any large area of that country is quite flat; instead of kopjes there are ridges which, although they may not lend themselves to gun mounting, make excellent cover for marksmen." "Then you think we have a tough job?" "A very tough one indeed, I am afraid." "Do you imagine that the Boers can be pacified later on by any conciliatory measures?" "I am afraid not. Now that it has gone so far, we shall have to carry it right through. Half measures will probably result in more and worse trouble later on."

## LOCAL.

By the considerate courtesy of Lieut. the Hon. A. Hanbury Tracey, a number of newspapers received by the Intelligence Department will be placed in the "Mail" office to-morrow, Sunday, for the convenience of any who would like to peruse them.

The Boers have retired beyond rifle range on the East.

To-morrow's attractions are the Exhibition, the Newspapers at this office, and last but not least, Aldred & Ross' Sale.

Aldred & Ross' Usual Sunday

## SIEGE SALE.

The above, duly instructed, will sell:

Effects of the late Capt. Hon. H. O. Marsham,  
" " " E. G. Parslow,  
" " " Trooper Webb, C.P.

Also 18-carat Gold Watch; 2 Double-barrelled Shot Guns; Bicycles; Second-hand Clothing; Double-Set Mule Harness; Underclothing; Boots; Shoes, etc., etc.

No Reserve. 9-30 A.M.

## NOTICE.

New Arrangements for the Transmission of Telegrams and Dealing with Letters.

THE Bombproof at the end of Minchin's yard, at Headquarters, will be open daily to receive Letters and Telegrams for North and South, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. (Sundays excepted). The following are the rates for Telegrams: *Via* the North, 9d. per word, plus a fee of 1/- for a receipt, duly stamped; Telegrams for Cape Colony and Natal will be accepted by this route.

Telegrams *via* the South for Cape Colony and Natal will also be accepted, the rate being 1/- for 12 words, plus a fee of 1/- for a duly stamped receipt.

Cablegrams 4/9 per word, *via* the North 4/- " " " the South plus 1/- receipt fee.

The sale of stamps for letters for local delivery will be restricted.

Letters for Northern and Southern routes must be handed to the Postal Official on duty, and stamps cannot on any account be sold.

## RATES OF POSTAGE—LETTERS.

Local delivery (within town limits), 1d. per ½ oz.

Delivery at Outposts and Forts, 3d. per ½ oz.

Letters for United Kingdom, Cape Colony and Natal *via* the South, 6d. per ½ oz.

Letters for United Kingdom, Cape Colony, Natal and Rhodesia, *via* the North 1/- per ½ oz.

Newspapers for local delivery 1d. per paper. Book Post 1d. per once.

PILLAR AND WALL LETTER BOXES.—Pillar or Wall Letter receivers are erected at the following places in Mafeking and are cleared at the times mentioned:—

Latest time for posting letters, &c., for each collection.

Pillar & Wall Boxes. Morning. Afternoon.

|                       |           |           |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Dixon's Hotel         | 9-55 a.m. | 3-55 p.m. |
| De Kock's Corner      | 9-40 "    | 3-40 "    |
| Victoria Hospital     | 9-30 "    | 3-30 "    |
| Post Office           | 9-35 "    | 3-35 "    |
| Railway Division      | 9-30 "    | 3-30 "    |
| Whiteley, Walker & Co | 9-45 "    | 3-45 "    |

The following table shows the hours at which the Letter Box is closed for the different Suburban Offices, and the hours at which mails are due to arrive at this Office:—

| Letter Boxes close at Mafeking at | For              | Letters due at Mafeking at |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| 5-0 p.m.                          | Brickfields      | 9-0 a.m.                   |
| "                                 | Baralong Stadt   | "                          |
| "                                 | B.S.A.P. Fort    | "                          |
| "                                 | Cannon Kopje     | "                          |
| "                                 | Native Location  | "                          |
| "                                 | Western Outposts | "                          |

J. V. HOWAT, Postmaster.  
Mafeking, 22nd March, 1900.

# THE MAFEKING MAIL

## SPECIAL SIEGE SLIP.

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No. 100

Monday, March 26th, 1900.

165th Day of Siege

### The Mafeking Mail.

MONDAY, 26TH MARCH, 1900.

#### THE BRICKFIELDS.

About midnight on Friday sleepless ones were much agitated in their minds by hearing cheering, more cheers, and "God save the Queen" coming from the direction of the Brickfields. The cause of the "sound of revelry by night" was discovered to be the jubilation of the C.P. and the Colonial Contingent upon learning from Sub-Insp. Murray, who with Tpr. Mullaluc, had visited the Boer trench, just evacuated, and brought with them a batch of papers, including a N. & D. News, which told of the fall of Bloemfontein, hence the nocturnal outburst of musical loyalty. Insp. Brown then took out a detachment of C.P. and Colonial Contingent to dismantle the trenches, there he sighted some wires. Calling Sergt. Page to inspect, that officer, followed them up and discovered they led to a mine of two hundred and fifty pounds of nitro glycerine. The wires he promptly disconnected and unearthed the little plan of fifty packets of five pounds each.

#### "COMPENSATION MEETING."

On Saturday evening a meeting composed of Town Councillors, members of the Chamber of Commerce, and some of the general public was held in the Court House to consider the question of compensation. There was a good attendance, the chair was taken by his Worship, the Mayor, F. Whiteley, Esq. After the Chairman had explained the purpose of the meeting, which was shortly, that in view of the fact that so many of the townspeople have suffered loss by the siege, it was necessary that some steps should be taken towards seeing that claims for compensation should be brought before the Imperial Government. The military authorities, so far, do not admit any legal liability, but from what he can learn, there is no reason to suppose the town's requirements would not be met in an amicable and fair spirit. As, no doubt, many of those present are aware, the first thing Lord Roberts did after entering Kimberley, was to form a commission to enquire into the town's damages and his action was endorsed by Mr. Chamberlain

in the House of Commons, who publicly stated that he had no doubt the Cabinet would take upon themselves the responsibility of supporting the claim, and he, the Mayor, believed if an application were made to the High Commissioner on the subject, Colonel Baden-Powell would be quite willing to send it on, with a covering letter strongly supporting the town's case. He suggested that a joint committee be appointed of members of each of the bodies represented, i.e. the Town Council and the Chamber of Commerce, to frame a petition and forward it.

Mr. Musson spoke in favour of this plan being adopted.

Mr. Riese considered that a public meeting should be called, but withdrew his motion on that subject, in favour of one by Mr. Early, seconded by Mr. Winter, that "a joint committee should be formed with the object of framing a Petition upon the subject of Compensation for Losses sustained by townspeople in consequence of the siege to His Excellency, the Governor, to be transmitted through the Colonel Commanding.

A resolution of Mr. Weil, supported by Mr. Firth, that the avoidance of any future objection on the part of claimants who could not be consulted, would be overcome by a personal canvas for their signatures, was negatived.

Ultimately the following were elected to act as the Joint Committee: The Mayor, Messrs. H. H. Bradley, H. G. Early, H. Martin and B. B. Weil.

### Mafeking Garrison.

#### GENERAL ORDERS

By Colonel R. S. S. Baden-Powell, Commanding Frontier Force.

MAFEKING, 26TH MARCH, 1900.

The Colonel Commanding desires it to be noted that in Saturday's Order (24th) calling attention to the good work done in the Brickfields, the name of Capt. A. W. P. Williams, B.S.A.P., was, by a clerical error, omitted from the list of successive Commanders. Further, in connection with the occupation of the Boers' work at the Brickfields, on the night of the 23rd, the Colonel Commanding desires to place on record the good service performed by Sub-

Inspector Murray and Trooper Mullaluc, D. 2, Cape Police, in reconnoitring the position during the retirement of the enemy. Their action enabled the work to be occupied without delay by our men, and to be practically dismantled and the mine to be removed under cover of darkness during the remainder of the night.

*Court of Summary Jurisdiction.*—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet to-morrow, the 27th instant, at the Court House, at 10-15 a.m., for the examination of such prisoners as may be brought before it. President: Major Lord Edward Cecil, D.S.O.; Member: C. G. H. Bell Esq., C.C. & R.M.

*Pay.*—With reference to General Order No. 4 of the 19th November, 1899, and No. 3 of 29th January, 1900, the appointment and pay of Silas Molema are both to date from 13th October, 1899, inclusive.

*Ordnance Shops.*—No. 205, lance Corporal H. Metcalfe, Prot. Regt., is appointed to the Ordnance Shops as a Turnover, with Extra Duty Pay at the rate of 2/6 per diem, to date from the 20th instant inclusive.

*Meat Rations.*—Tinned Meats will in future be issued twice a week from the A.S.C. Butchery, namely, on Tuesdays and Fridays.

By order,  
E. H. CECIL, Major,  
Chief Staff Officer.

### BURGHERS DISCUSTED WITH MAFEKING.

Now they never mention it.

A letter published in the *Sketch*, which was found by the C.P. in the trench evacuated by the Boers, written by a Surgeon who went with the armoured train from Molteno, includes the following:

"I am an Englishman and have lived for twenty-five years in the Free State, the greater part of the time at Smithfield. The greater number of the burghers were against war, and never wished for closer union with the Transvaal, but they were all in a state of dread as to what their Government could do to them." [Happy Republicans.] A few nights before I left (Qy. November) we were officially told that Ladysmith had fallen,

two thousand British soldiers were slain, and all the rest were prisoners. We heard of no Boer disasters with the exception of the cutting-up of the German corps. A mau came into our camp one day and said he had seen the fanciers charge four times through the corps, and at the fourth charge the Germans surrendered. He said they lost six hundred killed. . . . The burghers were disgusted that Mafeking had not yet been taken. They heard that Cronje said he had 'attacked fourteen times, and had as many times been repulsed, and that when he met Baden-Powell he would shake hands with him for a gentleman.' I lately heard nothing said about Mafeking; it was a sore subject. We were constantly told of the great successes of the Boer arms, and how the British were being gradually driven into the sea.

The difficulty in maintaining discipline is very great. Nearly every man is a 'haas.' The night before I left, the Commandant wanted to send out a party of 150 men. It took him two hours to get them together, because when the burghers heard of it they 'sent themselves away,' not wanting to be stuck."

The *Volksstem* of Wednesday, March 14th, says: "Yesterday, the capital of the Free State was evacuated by the Government of that country, and it is at the present moment in the hands of the enemy. The most important State documents and the archives have been removed in safety to Kroonstad, which town will become the temporary seat of the Government for the Sister Republic. . . . We sympathise keenly with President Steyn, who has been driven from the capital of his State and compelled to leave the town to the tender mercies of the enemy. It is probable that the fortunes of war may yet bring brighter days to us, and in that case neither President Steyn nor his burghers will be forgotten by their brethren of the Transvaal."

## Crying for Peace.

The same paper says: The despatch of a deputation to Europe, representing the Orange Free State and the South African Republic, shows that both in Pretoria and Kroonstad the opinion is that the hour has arrived when the question in dispute between England and the Republics in South Africa should be settled by other means than a further appeal to arms.

On March 5th the two Republics sent a joint despatch to Lord Salisbury, suggesting that the time had come to preserve South Africa from further bloodshed and devastation and emphasizing the fact that the Republics are only fighting for the defence of their threatened independence, with no idea at any time of ousting the British Government from South Africa. Further, they consider that recent British victories have brought us to the moment when peace negotiations could be arranged to mutual satisfaction.

To this His Lordship replied in a courteous but firm despatch (the text of which we hope to print to-morrow) that Her

Majesty's Government can only say they are not prepared to assent to the independence of either the South African Republic or the Orange Free State.

The plenipotentiary in England of the late Transvaal Republic, Mr. Montague White, went to America in February in the interests of peace and to ascertain the public feeling in America. He admits possessing no diplomatic status because, he says, Great Britain controls the cables."

## MAFEKING DONE FOR, THREE WEEKS AGO.

On Sunday evening, March 11th, Messrs. Abraham Fischer, member of the Executive Council of the Free State, A. D. W. Wolmarans, member of the Transvaal Executive Council, and Mr Wessels, chairman of the Free State Volksraad, left Pretoria on their way to Europe, via Delagoa Bay. The party left the Bay on Tuesday, 13th, in a German steamship.

Pretoria, March 6th (S. & D. Special).—The Federal cordon round Mafeking is being drawn tighter every day. All outside forts manned by the garrison have now been taken except one. All Natives driven out are sent back to the town and a crisis seems imminent.

## THE BOERS HUMOUR.

Dealing with the fight and surrender of Cronje at Paardeberg, the *S. & D.* on March 8th euphemistically says it "momentarily disturbed the long line of victories they enjoyed, but Cronje is only one among many" (of the generals). . . . "His, the Boers' humour, is to drive the enemy off Republican soil." Ha! Ho!

## What they told the Boers.

*S. & D.*—Feb. 19th.—"The opinion held on the continent of Europe is that the relief of Ladysmith has practically been given up."

## Bloemfontein Rejoicing at Roberts' Advance.

"There was great jubilation in certain circles at Bloemfontein when the news was received that 2,000 British had reached Kimberley, but, added the *S. & D.*, 'two thousand cavalry will not last long.'"

The London correspondent of the *Liverpool Post* says:—The War Office have in their possession a letter written by General Wauchope the night before the battle [of Magersfontein], stating that "he had been asked to perform an impossible task, that he had remonstrated in vain, and that he had either to obey or surrender his sword." It is stated that the Scotch M.P.'s are determined that the whole facts shall be investigated, this they believe due, not only to the memory of the gallant officer, but to vindicate the character and reputation of the Highland Brigade.

## ADVANCE ON COLESBERG.

Dec. 31.—French reports Boers gone, from Rensburg to Colesberg.

On January 1st General French heliographed from Coleskop: Leaving at Rensburg, holding enemy in front, half 1st Suffolk and section of Royal Horse Artillery, I started from there 5 o'clock afternoon, Dec. 31st, taking with me five squadrons, half of the 2nd Berkshire, 80 mounted infantry, carriage and wagons and ten guns; halted four hours at Maeder's farm, and at 3-30 this morning occupied kopje overlooking and west of Colesberg. Enemy's outposts taken completely by surprise. At daylight shelled lager, and enfiladed right of enemy's position. Artillery fire, in reply, very hot from fifteen pounder, with royal laboratory ammunition; and other guns. Silenced guns on enemy's right flank. Demonstrating with cavalry and guns to North of Colesberg, towards junction, where strong lager of enemy holding hill and position South-east of Colesberg, as far as junction. Our position cuts line of retreat via road bridge. Some one thousand Boers, with two guns, reported returning to Norval's. All Remington scouts proceeded towards Achtertang yesterday morning. Casualties: three killed and a few wounded: no officers among number. Enemy's strength is about 5,000 to 7,000.

On January 2nd, the War Office received the following:—French's position same as yesterday, says that with small reinforcements could dislodge enemy from Colesberg.

Advancing on Saturday French found that the enemy had damaged the railway beyond Arundel. On Monday the enemy held firmly to their position, but were persistently shelled by two batteries of Royal Horse Artillery, supported by Cavalry and Berkshires. Fighting went on all day, and the enemy were driven from hill to hill. In this the Berkshires did good work, occupying successive positions on the high ground, and seizing every opportunity to pour a hot fire on the enemy. The enemy retired in a westerly direction, and were again followed by our force. Last night they had reached Vanderwaltsfontein, by way of north, and fighting took place in that direction. An unfortunate accident has occurred on the railway. 26 trucks, laden with provisions, standing at Rensburg, escaped down incline towards Colesberg junction, and attaining a great speed, ran as far as a broken culvert, beyond Plewman. The trucks were wrecked, and the enemy began looting the freight. Another train was despatched from Rensburg with a company of the Suffolk Regiment and a number of Cape boys to recover the provisions. The enemy opened fire on the Suffolks from Vanderwaltsfontein with cannon, obliging the Suffolks to take shelter in a neighbouring water course. The enemy's fire was then directed on the two trains, and several Natives were killed. Twenty shells in all were fired, and the relief train then returned to Rensburg. The number of our casualties is not known, but 16 wounded arrived at Arundel.

According to advices from Nauwpoort, the camp has been moved forward to Taaihoschlaagte. The Boers left hurriedly, leaving their saddles and provisions in lager. The cause of their departure is unknown. They are reported to have retreated towards the Free State. However, they hold Colesberg and Vanderwaltsfontein. Our scouts were within a mile of Colesberg.



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Tuesday, March 27th, 1900.

166th Day of Siege

The Mafeking Mail.

TUESDAY, 27TH MARCH, 1900.

HIC JACET Z.A.R. O.F.S.

In another column will be found the text of Lord Salisbury's reply to the dispatch from Presidents Kruger and Steyn, in which they offer to stop the war if Great Britain guarantee the independence of the two Republics. In the opinion of any right-minded man the suggestion is an impertinence and it is a source of gratification that Lord Salisbury, backed up by a unitedly firm Cabinet, takes the only view of this proposal likely to be appreciated by those it affects, i.e. the present and future colonists of the whole of South Africa. The most corrupt autocracy and its hideous abuse of trust and the disgusting duplicity with which it has plotted the overthrow of the power on which its existence depended, must have been for the past fifteen years an object lesson for those would-be Republicans whose visionary ideal should, supposedly, effect an improvement upon the constitution we are proud to exist under. His Lordship's declaration that the great calamity we have suffered is the penalty for having hitherto acquiesced in the existence of these "Republics" will strike a unisonant chord in the breast of every loyal subject of the Empire; and the logically following statement that "Her Majesty's Government is not prepared to assent to the independence of either of the Republics" will cause profound gratification throughout that Empire and especially in this portion of it.

By the courtesy of Capt. More we are enabled to publish the following communication which he received from Mr. H. Wallis:—

Goode Siding,  
Sunday, 11th March, 1900.

I received yours of the 6th inst. and was awfully glad to hear about you again. On the night of the 25th February the wily Boer evacuated his strong position on the hills round Crocodile Pools and consequently did not reply to our Monday morning's shelling from a brand new bomb proof I erected on Forther's Kopje. We have since moved on steadily, leaving the Johnnies in charge of their positions. The 20 ft. South of Crocodile Pools was messed up in their usual hearty manner and they took out about sixteen pairs of rails between that point and Ramontsa, and dragged the material with oxen to different places, varying from fifty yards to a mile and half away. From there to 923 miles no damage was done by Boers, but the weeds and grass have grown enormously all along right up to as far as we have got. I do only five miles a day, weeding. The stuff is quite three feet high and it is impossible to see the road. At 923 miles several pairs of rails were artistically removed and the culvert at Kruger's cottage—just North of Ootsi—was destroyed and a cattle truck of wood tipped into it. Ootsi bridge was all right and so was the road up to a few miles of Lobatsi, where some more rails were taken out and two culverts destroyed. The double culvert at 918 was messed up and seventeen pairs of rails taken out and two sheep trucks buried in the permanent way and filled with muck. Then we came to Lobatsi, which was untouched as far as the road and pumps were concerned;

but the double 20 ft. South of the Siding was blown up and the girders damaged. Singularly enough they did not touch the pier. In the gorge the miserable offenders had irretrievably damaged and blown up three pairs of rails and blown two holes, five feet deep, into the rock formation. This we overcame and proceeded here without further inconvenience, other than the weed nuisance. The Colonel still makes me stable at Lobatsi for the night. He sent out a strong patrol yesterday to Pitsani Potlugo, when two Boers saw them and bunked like mad. We are told by Natives that the Boers from Crocodile Pools are divided. Some are at Korwe, some at Swatz's farm; some were said to be at Gopani, but we sent two squadrons there and didn't find any. About Natal and Colony nothing but good and heart-inspiring news has arrived. Buller has relieved Ladysmith and killed about 2,000 Boers, but this is not confirmed by the High Commissioner as yet. Lord Roberts is moving on Bloemfontein and has received Cronje's surrender with nearly 10,000 Boers. The old dis-sundered unconditionally, and all outlying Boers are being entreated to fall back on Bloemfontein where they are going to make a stand under Gen. Joubert, of the Transvaal. Kruger has gone to Natal to inspire his forces there with the smug countenance and classical oratory. I fancy they are beginning to pray for the earth to open and swallow them up. Native reports state that they intend clearing across the Kala-hari to the German Colony at Wal-fish Bay.

We are now 36 miles from you and are straining our ears to hear the bellow of the 94-pdr.; we have

not been successful as yet. The two niggers you sent me turned up as hungry as blazes, and spake darkly about *soup* and the flesh of the noble companion of man, as food. You people seem to get a heap of news and photos through, for the illustrated papers teem with photos of all you celebrities and your doings. Mr. T is coming down here in a day or two, and I will give him your latest despatch. G. might have written to me as he is doing no travelling at present and one can duck for a shell just as well sitting as standing. I do hope the Colonel will make a speedy move and bunk into Mafeking with a crowd of good scoff for you people, and we can stand by and see you feeding once again.

### LORD SALISBURY'S REPLY.

London, March 11, 1900.

From Lord Salisbury to the Presidents of the South African Republic and the Orange Free State.

I have the honour to acknowledge Your Honours' telegram dated the 5th of March, from Bloemfontein, of which the purport is principally to demand that Her Majesty's Government shall recognise the incontestable independence of the South African Republic and Orange Free State as Sovereign International States, and to offer on those terms to bring the war to a conclusion. In the beginning of October last, peace existed between Her Majesty and the two Republics under the Conventions which then were in existence; a discussion had been proceeding for some months between Her Majesty's Government and the South African Republic, of which the object was to obtain redress for certain very serious grievances under which British residents in the South African Republic were suffering. In the course of these negotiations the South African Republic had, to the knowledge of Her Majesty's Government, made considerable armaments, and the latter had consequently taken steps to provide corresponding reinforcements to the British garrisons of Cape-town and Natal. No infringement

of the rights guaranteed by the Conventions had up to that point taken place on the British side. Suddenly, at two days' notice, the South African Republic, after issuing an insulting ultimatum, declared war against Her Majesty; and the Orange Free State, with whom there had not even been any discussion, took a similar step. Her Majesty's dominions were immediately invaded by the two Republics; siege was laid to three towns within the British frontier, a large portion of the two Colonies was overrun, with great destruction to property and life, and the Republics claimed to treat the inhabitants of extensive portions of Her Majesty's dominions as if those dominions had been annexed to one or other of them.

In anticipation of these operations the South African Republic had been accumulating, for many years past, military stores on an enormous scale which by their character could only have been intended for use against Great Britain. Your Honours make some observations of a negative character upon the object with which these preparations were made. I do not think it necessary to discuss these questions you have raised but the result of these preparations carried on with great secrecy has been that the British Empire has been compelled to confront an invasion which has entailed upon the Empire a costly war and the loss of thousands of precious lives. This great calamity has been the penalty which Great Britain has suffered for having in recent years acquiesced in the existence of the two Republics. In view of the use to which the two Republics have put the position which was given to them, and the calamities which their unprovoked attack has inflicted upon Her Majesty's dominions, Her Majesty's Government can only answer Your Honours' telegram by saying that they are not prepared to assent to the independence either of the South African Republic or of the Orange Free State.

Mr. Escombe, ex-premier of Natal is dead.

### RELIEF! AT LAST!! HURRAH!!!

Corroboration has been received from several sources that our relief, from the South, is now well this side of Vryburg. Some boys who came in last night with letters for Mr. Weil, reported having seen British soldiers at Vryburg last Tuesday. They are accompanied he states, by many wagons of food.

### Our Thermometer of Hope.

| Miles from here. |                       |
|------------------|-----------------------|
| 0.               | Mafeking.             |
| 11.              | Madibi.               |
| 24.              | Maritzani.            |
| 38.              | Kraaipan.             |
| 50.              | Maribogo.             |
| 65.              | Doornbult.            |
| 80.              | Devondale.            |
| 96.              | Vryburg. March 20th   |
| 139.             | Taungs.               |
| 153.             | Phokwani.             |
| 179.             | Vaal River.           |
| 223.             | Kimberley. Feb. 9th   |
| 247.             | Modder Rvr. Nov. 29th |
| 279.             | Belmont. Nov. 23rd    |
| 300.             | Orange Rvr. October.  |

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### NOTICE.

AS a register is desired of all horses in Mafeking broken to the saddle and fit for immediate work, in case extra horses should be required by Government for a few hours at a time, all persons having any coming up to the necessary standard, are requested to communicate at once, with the Brigade Transport Officer.

The rate paid by the authorities will be 8s. per diem, and the owner must state the price he wants for his horse if killed whilst in Government employ.

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Wednesday, March 28th, 1900.

167th Day of Siege

### The Mafeking Mail.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH MARCH, 1900.

#### THE SIEGE EXHIBITION.

Sunday's Show would have been a credit to the town in ordinary times, but being held during a Siege, that had already lasted over five months, it was a most remarkable Exhibition. The ladies, in whose interest the idea was originally promoted by Mr. De Kock, to whom we are indebted for its inception, responded most readily no less than forty-seven contributing specimens of most exquisite work in cotton, silk or wool. The prizes for Models were also well competed, and either of these classes formed in themselves an entertaining exhibition. Another most interesting feature was the photographs, although there were but two competitors in this class—Mr. Nicholas shewed some good ones but could not make up the requisite minimum, 40, on account of the scarcity of paper,—they showed an admirable collection. Those of the Rev. Weekes were preferred for variety of subject and scenic selection, but Mr. Taylor's deservedly took the first prize on account of their superior technical finish, showing in this class as in the "Model" classes, how the amateur starts heavily handicapped in open competitions. In the "Sketches" the versatility of Col. Baden-Powell's genius showed in his excellent and crisp water colors of siege incidents; drawings which would grace the pages of the best publications. The Musical Competition produced a Waltz and a March, the latter, with slight alteration to strengthen it at certain parts, will, we think,

become highly popular. That the Exhibition was appreciated may be judged from the fact that over five hundred people paid for admission during Sunday afternoon. Great credit is due to the stewards for the admirable manner in which the whole was arranged, and the complimentary terms in which the Colonel referred to Mr. De Kock, will be echoed by all. Mr. Algie, the indefatigable, added to his multifarious duties by undertaking the sectorial work, by no means light either, which was performed to the satisfaction of all. The Stewards were Messrs. Aldred, Clucas, Early, Layton, Schreiber, Tighe and Weir. The list of prize-winners and the text of the prize essay, a remarkable production nor a lad under fifteen, we hope to print to-morrow.

Headquarters,

Mafeking, March 23, 1900.

MR. A. C. RISING,  
Mafeking.

Dear Sir,—With reference to your letter of the 15th inst. I have to inform you that the Colonel Commanding, while he thinks that from the evidence adduced in your case the Court could have come to but one decision, he is of opinion that you erred through ignorance of the law rather than through any dishonesty of purpose, and in order to mark his opinion he will, as soon as possible, employ you on Government work showing, that in his opinion, though you most distinctly broke the law, no stain rests upon your character as an honest man.

Yours faithfully,

E. H. CECIL, Major,  
Chief Staff Officer.

#### NATIVE INFORMATION.

The two despatch runners who were reported caught, turned up on Friday. They say their lives were saved by friendly Bahurutses, who, when asked by the Boers if they belonged to their race, said they were friends. Young Evert was also brought to identify them, but stated he did not recognise them as Mafeking boys, although they feel sure he knew them perfectly well. Asked whether it were true that we are living on horse flesh and oats, replied that the inhabitants lived on ox meat and all kinds of food.

The Boers, who last week went to reinforce the Northern force against Col. Plumer, took one of our runners up as a guide. They reached there, 3 miles north of Pitsani, on Thursday week last, but no firing commenced till Friday, when an artillery duel took place lasting till Saturday afternoon. One of the Boer's cannon was completely smashed up, and they immediately came back here again. They thought they had broken an English gun, but the native does not think that is true. 30 wagons and 300 men were there, and all came back here on Saturday, reporting that Plumer's position was too strong.

It was the intention of the Boers to leave Mafeking, but a number were against it and wish to surrender here. Many have asked permission to go back to their farms and plough. Already 20 wagons have left their Western Lager, others go in twos and threes every day. There are about 200 left there now.

A mule wagon with fifteen Boers came from Bloemfontein last week. Directly they arrived they advised their friends to go



away at once, as it is no use trying any longer to fight the English. They say that the Boers round Bloemfontein were entirely scattered by the British, what and took place after they left, they can form no idea of. These Boers escaped by the good nature of a Native they met on the road and who shared his supply of food with them and so helped them till they got far enough to obtain what they required for themselves.

All the Native women who left Mafeking last week, were allowed to go unmolested.

A party of cattle raiders that went away on Wednesday, came in again on Saturday morning, with two of our runners. They relate that they spent Thursday, the day after leaving here, at a farm, near Rooigrond, about twelve miles distant. During the morning they saw three mounted Boers coming along the road towards them, but they decided not to shoot as it might rouse all the Boers in the neighbourhood. Next day they were on the other side of Rooigrond and spied two lots of cattle belonging to two farms there, some five Boers appeared following their track, the Natives prepared to receive them, but the Boers retired. In the evening it was arranged for the Baralongs to attack one of the farms and the Fingoes the other, but the Baralongs were to wait till the Fingoes had carried out their attack so that they may unite afterwards, the latter being less familiar with the country thereabouts. The Fingoes found that the cattle kraal was unpleasantly close to the homestead, from which a voice shouted in Kaffir "Come along, we knew you were in the neighbourhood," and fire was opened on them, which they promptly returned. One of their number then shouted in Kaffir "Don't waste time firing at Boers, get up and catch them by hand." This proved too much for the Boers, who flew away and escaped in the darkness. They took fifteen head of cattle and two horses, but left the farmer his sheep, goats, and the calves. The Baralongs had a very pleasant time, they found there had been four cows tied to the posts at the farm, but the reims

had just been cut and the animals had cleared. There were some people also clearing, as a voice was heard. They found a table already spread and at once began eating, while others helped themselves to the fresh baked bread. They found a mule in the stable which they loaded up with fine, sifted Boer meal, and, pocketing the knives and forks, they came away.

The runners from the North said they met Col. Plumer and his party at Post Station, Machting. His men are "very sad" at our state here and are anxious to come and relieve us. The runners saw no Boers going or coming.

Two messengers returned this morning said: When they started from here they heard heavy firing at odd times in intervals in the direction of the ridges South West of here. On enquiry they discovered that it was a number of Boers, who came from the Laager. They were shooting into the bushes as they thought some of our raiders or despatch runners may be hidden in them.

Many of the Boers were intending to leave, but they have changed their minds on account of some one (a European) who came from Mafeking on Friday, and told them that the inhabitants were starving and that they would have no difficulty in taking the place if they only came in. Many of the Boers are disinclined to believe his story and are afraid he may be a spy, but some of them believe he is speaking the truth.

All the Boers in the Western Laager were away to the North last week and only Natives remained to look after the place.

Seven wagons came round from the Laager to camp where Cronje's Laager used to be. The Boers themselves say that these wagons belong to fresh Dutch people, just arrived from Pretoria, but the Natives say they are from the Western Laager. They do not appear to be diminishing. When they returned from the North they said they had driven the English all back to Bulawayo.

A despatch runner arrived from South this (Tuesday) morning, he came from Kimberley on a railway engine, leaving on the 17th, as far

as Warrenton. A temporary bridge was being constructed at the Vaal River, and a large number of Europeans and Natives were repairing the line as far north as between Phokwani and Taung. They have no difficulty in doing so, as the Boers have not carried the rails away. The end of the telegraph was at Vaal River. He found the relief column at Vryburg on Wednesday last (21st). They are pushing on as fast as possible, but they can only get along very slowly owing to the weightiness of the wagons. All the Boers who were in Vryburg cleared in the direction of the Transvaal border, where Jan Cronje is supposed to be. He saw no Boers, except three, who spoke to him the day before he left Vryburg, they did not even ask if he were a despatch rider, and when they left him they also went towards the Transvaal. He saw about 50 at Maritzani, they had blankets with them and appeared to be coming from Mafeking, they were mounted but carried no rifles.

## MATCHES:

Imperial authorities desire to make purchase of. Any persons having stocks in possession are required to declare same, (irrespective of any previous declarations made.)

C. M. RYAN, Capt.,

D.A.A.G. B.

Mafeking, 28th March, 1900,

## THE

## SIEGE HAIRDRESSING & SHAVING SALOON.

I, the Undersigned, beg to announce to my numerous Customers that I have opened my business in Main Street, opposite Mr. Riesle's Bar, and I trust to be favoured with your kind patronage, and I can assure the Customers that they will be served now as in the past, with Neatness, Cleanliness and Civility.

V. T. MANIE,

The well-known Practical Hairdresser.  
Mafeking, 28th March, 1900.

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The Mafeking Mail.

THURSDAY, 29TH MARCH, 1900.

THE COLONEL ON "GROUSING."

Stewing and News "Burking."

### NOTICE.

I hear that again wisecracks are busy in town, informing people as to what I am doing and what I am leaving undone. As their deductions are somewhat inaccurate I wish to state that the condition of affairs is in no way altered since my last general notice, which stated we must be prepared to remain besieged up to the middle of May, but I do not therefore mean to assert that we are going to remain besieged all that time. Indeed I hope that we may be free within the next fortnight or three weeks, but it would be folly on our part not to be prepared against possible unforeseen delays. Had we not been thus prepared in the first instance we should all have been prisoners in Pretoria by the beginning of January, and the Boers would have now been enjoying the use of our property in Mafeking.

I am, I suppose, the most anxious of anybody in Mafeking to see a Relief Column here and the siege at an end; all that can be done for our relief, from both North and South, is being done, but the moves of troops in the face of the enemy must necessarily be slow, and we have to sit in patience until they develop.

As regards the smallness of our rations, we could, of course, live well on full rations for a week or two and then give in to the "women slaughterers" and let them take their vengeance on the town,

whereas by limiting our amount of daily food we can make certain of outlasting all their efforts against us. The present ration, properly utilised, is a fairly full one as compared with those issued in other sieges—in fact I and my staff have, during the past few days, been living on a far smaller ration without any kind of extras to improve it—and we still live.

There are, by the way, two hints I should like to give for making small rations go further—hints derived from personal experience of previous hungry times—and these are:—

1. To lump your rations together as much as possible for cooking, and not every man to have his little amount cooked separately.

2. To make the whole into a big thick stew, from which, even three quarter lbs. of ingredients per man, three good meals can be got per day.

It is just possible that we may have to take 2 ozs. off the bread stuffs, but otherwise our supplies will last well over the period indicated. It has been objected that we are feeding horses on oats, but the oats so used are a lot (of Colonial oats) that have been found quite useless for making flour from for human consumption.

I am told that I keep back news from the public. This is not in accordance with facts, for I make a point of publishing all news of general interest as soon as possible after receipt, first by telephone, then by notices posted about, and lastly through Mr. Whales, in the Mafeking Mail Slips; I have no object whatever in keeping news back. Occasionally, of course, items of military information have to be kept quiet because, as we all know, their publication in Mafeking means their transmission

within a few hours, to the enemy's camp.

Although it may have been somewhat out of my province, I have been writing to the High Commissioner as strongly as I could put them, the claims which the citizens and refugees have for consideration in the matter of compensation, pressing for very early settlement on some more satisfactory basis than was the case on a former occasion. And there is no doubt that the good part they have borne in the defence of the place will add great force to their claims.

I have no feeling of doubt whatever that the large majority of the townspeople have sufficient confidence in me to know that I am working, as far as possible, for their good, but there are always busybodies in every assemblage to cavil at whatever is done, and I should like just to remind these gentlemen of the order issued early in the siege about "grousing."

I am always, not only willing, but anxious to personally hear any reasonable complaints or suggestions, and those who have them to make, need only bring their grievances to me to get what redress is in my power, but veiled hints and growls cannot be permitted; at such times as these they are apt to put people "on edge" and to alarm the ladies, and for these reasons they must be suppressed. "Grousing" is generally the outcome of funk on the part of the individual who grouses, and I hope that every right-minded man who hears any of it will shut it up with an appropriate remark, or the toe of his boot. Cavillers should keep quiet until the siege is over and then they are welcome to write or talk until they are blue in the face.

By these remarks I do not wish



for one instant to suggest that this "grousing" is widespread. On the contrary the patience and loyal obedience of the main body of the inhabitants under the restrictions of Martial Law, form one of the conspicuous features of the siege. But there are a few individual grumblers—most of whom are known to me (as they will find when their claims for compensation come up for adjudication)—and it is these gentlemen that I desire to warn to keep quiet as otherwise I shall have to take more stringent steps against them, but I should be ashamed if the fame of Mafeking and its heroic defence should be marred by any whisper among envious outsiders, that there was any want of harmony or unity of purpose among us.

R. S. S. BADEN-POWELL,  
Colonel.

## THE SIEGE EXHIBITION.

### PRIZE WINNERS.

Class 1, first prize £5, presented by Colonel Baden-Powell was taken by Mr. J. Hoffman for a model of Elliston's Knaal Redan, while the second prize, £2 2s, presented by Major Panzera, went to Sergeant White for a well finished model of a Maxim gun and shield. By a remarkable coincidence both these prize winners are ex-First City of London Riflemen, and met for the first time at the Exhibition.

A supplementary prize was awarded to Mr. Clucas for a Crossholt to throw a Dynamite arrow.

Judges: Major Panzera, Captain More and Lieutenant Gemmell.

Class 2, prize of £5, presented by Messrs Wirsing Bros., was awarded to Mr. L. Coghlan for a Clock-stand, constructed from the base of a ninety-four pounder, the driving band ornamentally encircling the face of the clock, with a 1 lb Maxim shell on either side and Mauser bullets tastefully decorating the whole.

Judges: Colonel Baden-Powell, Major Goold-Adams and F. Whiteley, Esq.

Class 3, for the best Fancy Work, produced a splendid assortment of all kinds of beautiful things comprising no less than 47 articles of graceful design and exquisite work. The first prize of £5, presented by Mr. De Kock, went to Miss Campbell. The second, £2 2s., presented by Lieut.-Col. C. B. Vyvyan, to the Sisters of Mercy, in each case for Tea-covers, and a supplementary prize of £1 1s, presented by Rev. Weekes, was awarded to Mrs. J. R. More.

Class 4, for Irish Lace, was a successful show of 23 exhibits, the prize of £5, also by Mr. De Kock, going to the Sisters of Mercy.

Mesdames Hayes, Riese, Werner and Miss Cowan were judges in these two classes.

Class 5, Siege Photographs. A most interesting collection, which we hope will adorn the walls of the new Town Hall. 1st prize, £5, presented by Mr. Riese, was awarded to Mr. Taylor, the second prize of £2 10s going to the Rev. Mr. Weekes. The judges being Messrs Eady, Ross and Tighe.

Class 6, Musical composition. There were but two pieces submitted, and Mr Turbridge not having complied with the conditions laid down, the prize £5, presented by the *Mafeking Mail*, was awarded to Mrs Cook for a Waltz. The Committee giving a special prize of £2 10s to Mr Turbridge, Bandmaster of the Local Volunteers, for a stirring March.

The judges in this class were Captain Singleton and Mr. Hampson.

Class 7, Essay: for girls under fifteen; no entries.

Class 8, prize of £2 2s, presented by Major Goold-Adams for the best Siege Essay, was taken by A. L. Chiddy. His production, printed in another column, being marked by the Commissioners "An excellent Essay for a lad under 15."

The judges were Father Ogle and Messrs Stent and Whales.

Class 9, a prize of £2 2s, presented by Mr Clucas for the best Dressed Doll, was awarded to Mrs. G. M. Gates for a khaki suited trooper. Mrs. Hayes exhibit being highly commended. The judges were the Mother Superior and Mesdames Riese and Werner.

Class 10, prize of £5, presented by Mr Whiteley for the best painting, was taken by Colonel Baden-Powell, the humour of whose sketches "Find the Policeman," "Making Disparaging Remarks &c," "The Market Square when the bell rings," "Siege Fed," &c., was much appreciated by the visitors.

In this class was also exhibited a carefully executed oil painting by Mrs. Gemmell. "John Bull on the 100th day of the Siege."

Judges: Mrs. Nicholas, Miss Fried and Captain Goodyear.

Class 11, prize of £2 2s, presented by Mr Fried for the Best Original Poem or Song, was awarded to Mr Coxwell.

Judges: Lady Sarah Wilson, Colonel Baden-Powell, and Rev Weekes.

Class 12, prize of £5, presented by Mr Weil for the Best Siege Anecdote, brought forth but a poor collection. The award went to Mr. Forsyth for the Anecdote, printed elsewhere.

Judges: Lieut. Minchin, and Messrs Fried and Peart.

Class 13, prize £5, presented by Lady Sarah Wilson for the Best Lady's Hat, awarded to Mrs. Talbot, and a second prize by the same donor of £2 2s, to Miss Whales, while Miss Wyatt showed a tasteful creation in superior style.

Judges: Mrs. Hayes, Miss Cowan, and Mr. Bell.

Colonel Baden-Powell, in a few well-chosen words, opened the Exhibition and gracefully complimented the ladies and gentlemen who so successfully arranged everything, and the Mafeking Orchestral

Society played during the afternoon; Haydn's Symphony in C, Selections from "Martha," and "The Caliph of Bagdad."

## Mafeking Garrison.

### GENERAL ORDERS

By Colonel R. S. S. Baden-Powell, Commanding Frontier Force.

MAFEEKING, 29TH MARCH, 1900.

*Registration for Employment.*—Officers commanding Corps or Units are to submit, without delay, the names of any Officers, N.C.O.'s or men serving under their command who are desirous of having their names registered for employment in any Imperial Police Forces which may be raised in the Transvaal or Free State, subject to the terms and conditions of service being agreeable to them then published. Forms are in course of preparation and will be issued as soon as possible to those concerned.

*Court of Summary Jurisdiction.*—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet to-morrow, the 30th instant, at the Court House, at 10-15 a.m., for the examination of such prisoners as may be brought before it. President: Major Lord Edward Cecil, D.S.O.; Member: C. G. II. Bell, Esq., C.C. & R.M.

*Casualty Returns.*—Lieut. Moncrieffe, A.D.C., having resumed duty, Casualty Returns are to be addressed to that officer as usual.

*Out Porridge.*—"Sowen" (a kind of porridge made from Oats, and used in Scotland) can be purchased in small quantities from Lippmann's Yard. Purchasers must be provided with cash, and must have receptacles with them in which to remove their porridge.

By order,  
E. H. CECIL, Major,  
Chief Staff Officer

### THE SIEGE HAIRDRESSING & SHAVING SALOON.

I, the Undersigned, beg to announce to my numerous Customers that I have opened my business in Main Street, opposite Mr. Riese's Bar, and I trust to be favoured with your kind patronage, and I can assure the Customers that they will be served now as in the past, with Neatness, Cleanliness and Civility.

V. T. MANIE,  
The well-known Practical Hairdresser.  
Mafeking, 28th March, 1900.

### Game Preservation Society

A MEETING of the above Society, for urgent business, is convened by the President, at the Court House, Saturday evening, at 8.30.

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FRIDAY, 30TH MARCH, 1900.

#### LATEST NEWS.

The following information is received from the High Commissioner, dated March 11th.

"The situation is as follows:— Lord Roberts has occupied Bloemfontein and established communication by Railway and Telegraph with Generals Clements and Gatacre, who have crossed the Orange River at Norvals Pont and Bethulie. The Colonial Division has cleared the Wodehouse and Aliwal North districts, the rebels in the North East of the Cape Colony are all laying down their arms. We have practically conquered all the Southern Orange Free State and the burghers there seem disposed to desist from further fighting.

Lord Methuen is in occupation of Boshoff; the railway North of Kimberley is open to Windsorton. There is a troublesome rebellion in the West of the Colony embracing the Prieska and Kenhardt Districts, but Lord Kitchener is marching against the rebels with a considerable force, and we hope soon to see order completely re-established in the Cape Colony."

The worst feature of the whole of this war is the terrible manner in which treason has permeated the Colony. Even now the subjugation of the rebellion on our own territory is apparently giving more trouble than the operations against the enemy in the Transvaal and Free State. It is to be hoped that the instigators and forerunners of disaffection will be brought to trial, and we yet trust to see included amongst them

Mr. Merriman and the puppets whose jerks he manipulated.

A batch of newspapers received this morning will be sent to the "Mail" on Sunday, for the convenience of any of the public who desire to peruse them.

#### NATIVE REPORTS.

Boers wouldn't Stop Long at Mafeking.

Going to "Bail out" Cronje.

One of a party of Boer Beef Abstractors hurt his foot and could not keep up with the rest. As he was returning, through Malmaui district, a Boer took him prisoner, but he "escaped successfully," as the interpreter puts it. During his journey he came across a Mafeking man who had been taken from the Protectorate, and is looking after a Dutchman's farm, Schoonspruit. This man told him that a number of Boers had been concentrating at Malmani and have now come up to Mafeking. It is not their intention to stop long here, they might fight one day only. On Wednesday he saw 17 wagons, coming from Mafeking towards Malmani. They were followed by a large number of mounted men. He heard that the Boers at Malmani are going about the country collecting cattle with which to "bail out" Cronje. The herds have been, during last week, collecting at a place near Malmani.

Another native captured yesterday morning states he was in the employ of the Boers, and present when Col. Plumer had a skirmish with them near Lobatsi. He states that there were no casualties

amongst the Boers, but five horses were killed and one big gun damaged. This corroborates the tale brought in last week by another boy. When the Boers returned they announced to their Native servants the proud fact (?) that they had driven all the English back to Bulawayo.

Last Sunday some Natives came from Gopane's stadt (his boy's home) to relieve others from the Boer camp. His boss would not allow him to return so he decided to escape, which he did last night, with the intention of making his way home, but losing himself in the night, he came upon a fort from which volleys were fired at him. He cannot say whether it was a Dutch or an English fort. At daybreak he saw this town and stadt and thought it was Ventersdorp, till a woman told him he was in Mafeking. He states that on Monday some men arrived from the Transvaal with big guns and fired into the place all day and then went off again to meet the English at Lobatsi, a great many of them have come up. On Tuesday afternoon four Boers were carried past on stretchers, there are always two or three wounded, every time their forts are shelled. Very few Boers are guarding round Mafeking now. They make the Natives do it.

### Mafeking Garrison.

#### GENERAL ORDERS

By Colonel R. S. Baden-Powell, Commanding Frontier Force.

MAFEKING, 30TH MARCH, 1900.

Brickfields Command.—Inspector Marsh, C.P. D.I., assumed command of the Brickfields on the 26th instant during the temporary absence of Inspector Browne, C.P.

D.2., on account of wound received during artillery duel on the morning of that day.

**Court of Summary Jurisdiction.**—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet to-morrow, Saturday, the 31st March, at the Court House, at 10-15 a.m., for the examination of such prisoners as may be brought before it. President: Lieut.-Col. C. B. Vyvyan. Member: Major F. W. Panzera.

**Assessment Committee.**—The Assessment Committee will meet on Sunday, the 1st instant, at Dixon's Hotel at 10 a.m. Owners attending at the above place and hour will be informed about what time the Committee will arrive at their respective houses.

**A. S. C. Establishment.**—Mr. Grayson, Acting Officer in charge of Supplies, having been permitted to resign his appointment, is struck off the strength from the 26th inst. inclusive. His duties having been distributed amongst the remaining staff, the following will receive the increase of pay noted against their names from the 26th instant inclusive:—

Sergeant-Major Hodgson, in charge, 3/- per diem, increase.

Mr. Campbell, Stock-hook Clerk, 2/6 per diem, increase.

Corpl. Nixon, Ration Checker and Clerk for Issues, 2/6 per diem, increase.

By order,  
E. H. CECIL, Major,  
Chief Staff Officer.

The London correspondent of the *New York Herald* says: Portuguese officials in Delagoa Port are the most corrupt in the country. When the war commenced, they, like everyone else in the world, considered victory to be a dead certainty for the English, therefore, they at first put a certain curb upon the Boer importation of arms, recruits, etc. But when the English had reversed, all that changed; they turned round and were entirely against us. Instead of helping the English in Delagoa Bay, they made that port a base of Boer supply.

"But do not the English warships stop contraband of war?" "Yes, but what is a control exercised outside the three mile limit? Arms are concealed in the lowest part of the ship, covered with tons of stuff, the bills of lading are all cooked, and the recruits come as passengers, waiters and sailors. It does not matter how; they are landed, received with ovations and enthusiasm, and after an open-arm reception are expeditiously sent to Pretoria, arms and all. They come as civilians, they leave as soldiers. All Europe is a recruiting ground for the

Boers. Germany, Belgium, Russia, Sweden, Holland and Ireland are all contributing. It is Dr. Leyds, with almost unlimited secret money, who is engineering all this. It is he that has inspired and bribed the French press.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

Mafeking, March 30, 1900.

To the Editor Mafeking Mail.

SIR,—You will oblige me, by making known, that Major Goold-Adams has handed to the Mother Superior, of the Sisters of Mercy, the sum of Nineteen Pounds, some odd shillings, as being the net proceeds of the St. Patrick's celebration which was held on the 18th inst.

I have been asked by Mother Teresa to express her own, and the Sisters' thanks to Major-Goold-Adams and the other gentlemen who so thoughtfully arranged to benefit them as they have done.

I remain, Sir,  
Yours faithfully,

GEORGE OGLE,  
Chaplain to the Sisters.

## Answer to Correspondents.

"CRIB": A played 8  
B " 4 } making a  
A " \*6 } run  
B " \*5 }  
A " \*6 }  
\* \* \* 6 5 6 is not a run.

Essay and Poem crowded out.  
Will appear to-morrow.

## THE SIEGE HAIRDRESSING & SHAVING SALOON.

I, the Undersigned, beg to announce to my numerous customers that I have opened my business in Main Street, opposite Mr. Riese's Bar, and I trust to be favoured with your kind patronage, and I can assure the Customers that they will be served now as in the past, with Neatness, Cleanliness and Civility.

V. T. MANIE,  
The well-known Practical Hairdresser.  
Mafeking, 28th March, 1900.

## BRICKS FOR SALE.

ABOUT 60,000 Best Stock Bricks.—Apply to J. R. Algie.

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## ASSESSMENT OF PROPERTY.

List of names of owners whose property will be assessed on Sunday next, 1st April:—

|               |                   |
|---------------|-------------------|
| Erven 65 & 66 | Wirsing Bros      |
| Erf No. 48    | Aldred & Ross     |
| " 48          | Mrs. Girdwood     |
| " 48          | F. Jacobs         |
| " 16          | Mrs. A. Moore     |
| " 15          | Mafeking Club     |
| " 7           | H. M. Smyth       |
| " 8c          | Mrs. Girdwood     |
| " 9c          | Mrs. R. H. Martin |
| " 123         | H. J. Purchase    |
| " 122         | H. Cohen          |
| " 121         | Mrs. C. H. Dall   |

## NOTICE.

### DIXON'S HOTEL.

## THE RAFFLE FOR THREE GUNS

will take place on Saturday evening, at 8 o'clock.

Subscribers will please accept this intimation.

## LOST

A Book entitled:

"On the Irrawaddy."

Finder rewarded £1 on returning the same to X, this office.

## HOW TO MAKE MONEY.

WANTED TO PURCHASE,  
One-pound Maxim Shells.  
Advertiser will give £4 apiece for good specimens.—Address A.B.C., this office.

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No. 105

Saturday, March 31st, 1900.

170th Day of Siege

### The Mafeking Mail.

SATURDAY, 31st MARCH, 1900.

#### "COMPENSATION."

The following letter was sent by the Joint Committee in accordance with the decision arrived at, at the meeting last Saturday:—

Town Office, Mafeking.  
March 27th, 1900.

SIR,—A meeting of the Mafeking Town Council and Chamber of Commerce was held on Saturday evening last to consider the question of damage and losses sustained by the inhabitants of Mafeking, as a result of the Siege. At this meeting we, the undersigned, were appointed a Joint Committee of the two bodies referred to, to communicate with you upon the matter of compensation.

We therefore respectfully beg to point out that the town has been besieged for a period of 166 days, during which time about 1,400 94-pounders and several thousands of smaller shells have been thrown into the town by the enemy, causing great destruction of property and considerable loss of life.

During the whole of such time business has been practically suspended. The inhabitants enrolled themselves as a Town Guard and served under the Imperial authorities, submitting themselves to military discipline and have throughout borne arms, and in every way assisted in the defence of the town.

In the early part of the Siege an Assessment Committee was appointed by you to assess damage, and many claims have already been submitted to and considered by them. The townspeople have every confidence that compensation for their losses and damages

will be fairly and equitably arrived at, and paid by the Imperial Authorities, but they are anxious to receive from you an express assurance to this effect. We would also respectfully urge upon you the desirability of an early consideration and adjustment of claims; and would point out that unless the matter is dealt with promptly the sufferings of the inhabitants occasioned by their hardships and losses, will be considerably aggravated.

With regard to damaged properties, many people will be unable to repair or build until compensation has been awarded, and any delay would consequently result in further loss because of exposure to weather, absence of rent, cessation of business, &c. An official intimation to the effect that compensation would be awarded would be a sufficient guarantee for the raising of the necessary loans.

We think it necessary to remind you that there are a number of refugees from the Transvaal and surrounding districts, who have, with the inhabitants, borne arms, and whose properties have been destroyed and who have otherwise suffered. As these people are in many cases almost destitute we would, on their account, also venture to urge upon you the necessity of dealing with this matter at an early date.

We are, Sir,

Your obedient Servants,

F. WHITELEY, Mayor.

H. H. BRADLEY, } TOWN  
H. G. EARLY, } Councillors.

H. MARTIN, } Members of  
B. B. WEIL, } Chamber of  
Commerce.

To Col. R. S. S. Baden-Powell,  
Officer Comdg. Her Majesty's  
Forces in Mafeking.

Mafeking, 27th March, 1900.

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of to-day, requesting that the claims of the inhabitants of Mafeking to compensation for damages through shell fire, etc., may receive consideration with as little delay as possible.

I am happy to forward the same with full recommendation to the favourable consideration of the Authorities (copy of which is enclosed for your perusal).

I may add that I had already written to the Military Secretary to H. E. the High Commissioner to pave the way for the subject being considered; and, in order to hasten matters, I had also sent, to-day, enclosed telegram to Lord Roberts.

So that I trust a favourable reply may be received at an early date.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully.

R. S. S. BADEN-POWELL,  
Colonel.

To Joint Committee of the Mafeking Town Councillors and Chamber of Commerce, Mafeking.

Mafeking, March 27th, 1900.

To the Chief Staff Officer to  
H. E. the Commander in Chief,  
South Africa,

MY LORD,—I have the honour to forward herewith a request from the inhabitants of Mafeking that compensation may be granted to them for loss and damage sustained by them through shell fire, during the siege.

The townspeople of this place have taken up arms in its defence and have shown the fullest loyalty and devotion to duty; they have submitted themselves uncomplainingly to the restrictions of Martial



Law, and have undergone the hardships and dangers incidental to a close siege of six months in a manner beyond praise.

All have suffered losses many of them are almost ruined.

From the first commencement of the siege I have had careful account kept and the amount of damage assessed by a Committee, in order to assist any compensation Committee that may hereafter be detailed to sit.

If assurance could officially be given that compensation will be hereafter granted, it would be a sufficient guarantee to enable people to raise loans and to proceed forthwith to repair damages and to make an immediate start with business and trade.

I venture therefore strongly to recommend the application to the favourable consideration of H. E. the Commander in Chief.

I have the honor to be,

My Lord,

Your most obedient servant,

Sgd. R. S. S. BADEN POWELL

Colonel Commanding,  
Frontier Force.

## Mafeking Garrison.

### GENERAL ORDERS

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*Visiting Justice.*—The Visiting Justice to the Mafeking Gaol for the ensuing week will be C. G. H. Bell, Esq., C.C. & R.M.

*Establishments.*—The establishment of the Mafeking Cadet Corps is hereby increased to 16 Privates instead of 14.

*Colonial Contingent.*—Sergt. Matthews, C.P. D. 2, is attached for duty to the Colonial Contingent from the 26th March inclusive, with Extra Duty Pay from Imperial Funds, at the rate of 4/- per diem.

*Preservation of Game: Mafeking Communique.*—It is hereby notified that the regulations respecting the preservation of game on the Mafeking Communique imposed by Cape Government Notice are to be strictly observed whilst this country is under Martial Law.

*Medical Comforts.*—Medical Comforts issued from the Victoria Hospital cannot be obtained after the hour of 1 p.m. daily.

*Bread Ration.*—The issue of "A. S. Biscuits" will be made on Monday and Tuesday next, the 2nd and 3rd April.

*Matches.*—As only a limited stock of Matches now remain on hand, Commanders of Corps and Units will note that, on application being made to the A.S.C., Isaac's Store, two lamps will be furnished to each Fort (together with two bottles of paraffine) which can be kept burning for the purpose of lighting anything required.

By order,

E. H. CECIL, Major,  
Chief Staff Officer.



## "Austral" Lodge.

No. 2534, E.C.

BRO. REV. W. R. WEEKES, W.M.

A Emergency meeting will be held on SUNDAY EVENING at 8.30 p.m. in the Masonic Hall.

Working 2nd and 3rd Degrees.

Visiting B.B. are cordially invited.

## Game Preservation Society

THE Meeting of the above announced for to-night at 8.30 is postponed until the present troubles are over.

THE

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## SIEGE ESSAY COMPETITION.

By A. L. CHIDDY.

The Siege of Mafeking commenced on Saturday, 14th October, 1899. On this day the first fight took place between the Armoured Train, under the command of Capt. Williams, B.S.A.P., and a commando of Boers under Commandants Cronje and Botba. The fight turned out successful for the Armoured Train, which was assisted by a detachment of D Squadron Protectorate Regiment, under Capt. Fitzclarence; three of whom were killed and eight wounded. The next day, Sunday, was very quiet, no demonstration being made on either side, and it was agreed between Colonel Baden-Powell and Commandant Cronje to keep all Sundays quiet (namely, not to fight). This truce gave the women and children a chance to come up into the town from the laager, which was formed round Mr. Rowland's house to the West of the town and near the Native Stadt. On Monday, the 16th, the first shelling took place from Signal Hill, to the North of the town. The gun used by the Boers, which was a 2-5 in. breech-loader, did very little damage; Riesle's Hotel was hit once. After this occurred, dug-outs were constructed all over the town. These are holes dug in the ground, with roofs made of rails and galvanised iron, the whole being covered over with a thick layer of earth. A small entrance is left so that you can get in and out. After finding that they could not take Mafeking with a 7-pounder, the Boers brought a 6 in B.L. Le Creusot gun from Pretoria. This gun has done enormous damage to property, and up to now has killed many whites and Natives. In the town we have six different bodies of men, viz., Protectorate Regiment, B.S.A. Police, Bechuanaland Rifles, Railway Division, and Town Guard. The last consists of townsmen, who were served out with rifles and bandoliers just before the war started. The Protectorate Regiment was raised some time before the war, from recruits enlisted at Capetown, East London and other places. The Cape Government was averse to forming this corps on their own territory, so the recruits were sent on to Ramathlabama, in the Bechuanaland Protectorate, 16 miles North of Mafeking. The B.S.A. and Cape Police have headquarters at Mafeking, which accounts for them being here, and the Bechuanaland Rifles is the local Volunteer force. It was largely increased at the commencement of the war by refugees from the Transvaal. The B.S.A.P. are used to garrison Cannon Kopje, a small hill South of the town. At the end of October the Boers made an attempt to storm the Kopje, but they were repulsed with heavy loss. Later on, the enemy made an attempt to enter the Native Stadt, but met with such a warm reception that they have not tried again. News of the progress of the war in other parts is brought in by Native runners, who are well paid if they succeed in passing the Boer lines. During the week days the Boers are continually sniping into town, which makes it very unpleasant to walk about the streets.

(Will be continued in next Slip.)

# The Mafeking Mail.

## SPECIAL SIEGE SLIP.

No. 106

Sunday, April 1st, 1900.

171st Day of Siege

### LATEST NEWS.

#### Free Staters Collapsed.

#### Boers Surrendering with Artillery.

The following telegram has been received from Reuter, Capetown, March 19th:—

The enemy has disappeared from Norval's Pont.

Four hundred Free Staters have surrendered and a general collapse has taken place of the Free State forces in the South.

General Carew has returned to Bloemfontein from Springfontein, having effected junction with Gen. Gatacre at Norval's Pont, and heliographed to Gen. Clements.

The rebellion in the North-East of the Colony has collapsed.

Belmont reports that Boer deserters have come in, bringing a Maxim and two nine-pounders.

The runners who came in this morning state they were in hiding between this and Ramathlabama when they heard a few shots at Oaklands; the firing gradually increased until Ramathlabama was reached, when it became heavy and continued vigorously until dusk, the rattle of the Maxims being distinctly heard. The runners appear to think the Boers retired towards evening; they saw one or two riding off in the distance.

### HARRASSING THE ENEMY.

Last Thursday Col. Plumer made a reconnaissance from Sofilele, via Lobatsi and Kalafin to near Zee-rust. Yesterday he reconnoitred to Ramathlabama, to demonstrate and discover the enemy's position. During the afternoon his guns were heard from here, and when the Boers moved their guns out against him a feigned attack was made by our garrison on Game Tree, while at the same time the attention of their big gun was

drawn on the Brickfields by our guns. This kept the enemy's artillery hesitating as to which direction it should go, while a large number of Boers were occupied in supporting Game Tree against our, supposed, attack.

### NATIVE REPORTS.

Two messengers arrived from Saane's. He told them he had heard no news since last week, when he sent in. Native drivers went to Mamusa to fetch young Cronje's wagons. As they were passing his farm young Cronje's wife told them to go back as Cronje was in a tight fix, and she did not think they would be able to reach him, so they returned. When they got to Rietfontein they heard that news had been received there that young Cronje had been captured by our troops in the Transvaal, opposite Vryburg.

Some Boers came from the South during the week, but Mok-hothu not being at home, the Natives have not yet heard corroboratively about young Cronje's capture. There are fourteen Boers at Rietfontein and about twenty at Buku's farm. They give out that they are there guarding against cattle looters, but Saane thinks they are a lot of cowards, who, being too much afraid to join the fighting, think it better to stay in the veld and pretend they are watching for cattle raiders.

Both these parties belong to young Cronje's commando, but they do not tell where he is.

The rebels are gradually leaving their homes and trekking into the Transvaal, and there will soon be more Loyalists than Rebels at Rietfontein.

Since taking Bloemfontein the British have taken many other places North and East of that town, from Bosboff up to Rhenoster Spruit.

The Free State Government is said to be at Vereeniging.





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### The Mafeking Mail.

MONDAY, 2ND APRIL, 1900.

#### LATEST NEWS.

From the *Bulawayo Chronicle*:

Paardeberg, Feb. 24th.—It is said that in the middle of the 6th day of the siege of his laager, Cronje was willing to surrender, but the young Transvaalers refused.

Commandant De Wet, with 200 men, made a determined attempt to break our lines and get through, but the Scottish Borderers cut them off.

The enemy are now disregarding all the rules of civilised warfare. While an ambulance was passing, they poured the contents of a Vickers Maxim into it, with fatal effects.

No news is published [Pretoria and Johannesburg] with regard to Cronje, except that a burgher named Brinek, who spread a report of their surrender, at Boshoff, was promptly prosecuted by the Government for disseminating false information.

#### TOO LATE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SURRENDER.

Lorenzo Marques, Feb. 27th.—Large Boer reinforcements, in response to an urgent appeal from President Steyn, have been despatched Bloemfontein.

#### EUPHEMISM.

Bloemfontein, March 1st.—President Steyn is visiting the burghers at Koodoosrant, where a big fight is imminent.

The *Saturday Review* of January 13th said with reference to Kimberley and Mafeking: "For the gallantry with which our beleaguered garrisons are holding their own no praise can be too high, no award of credit undeserved. They at least—like all our other troops—have worthily upheld the best traditions of the British Army."

#### A HINT.

"Both in the East and in the West the Boers seem to be extending their positions unduly. There is nothing more tempting, when occupying a defensive position, than to go on taking in points on the flanks—a tendency which should always be guarded against. Unconsciously it often leads a commander to occupy a longer line than the strength of his force warrants."

By the courtesy of Mr Weil we publish the following extracts of public interest from a letter he received from his brother at Capetown, 5th March, 1900:—

You are doubtless aware of the magnificent march of Lord Roberts, which led to the relief of Kimberley, the smashing up of Cronje's forces, and the capture of about 4,000 prisoners, besides the redoubtable Cronje himself. Commandant Cronje and the majority of these prisoners have already arrived in Capetown (as prisoners of war).

On the Natal side Her Majesty's forces have also been successful in raising the siege of Ladysmith and driving the Boers out of the territory of Natal.

I presume the Boers will now concentrate within their own borders to defend them. This will, I hope, lead to a speedy relief of

Mafeking—if not, other means are being taken to effect it.

The British forces at present in the field number over 200,000, and further large reinforcements are on the water, so that you will see it is the intention of Her Majesty's Government to make a clean and thorough job of it, and the aspirations of the two Republics and the disloyals in the Cape Colony will, I hope, be wiped out for ever.

Give my best and kindest wishes to all friends in Mafeking, and tell them that the whole world is filled with admiration for the plucky stand they have made. Please inform Rieslo that his children are quite well. Inform Mahony that I have seen Mrs. Mahony, also Hampson that I have seen Mrs. Hampson, and Goodyear that I have seen his wife,—all of whom are well and whose wants have been attended to. Mrs. and Miss Francis are in Grahamstown. I have written to them and asked them to apply to me freely in case they want anything. I understand that they are quite well. Remember me to Capt. Cowan, who is to be complimented on his brilliant work, and whose services will, I hope, be rewarded as they are appreciated. Also give my kindest regards to Col. Baden-Powell and Lord Edward Cecil, and you might mention to Lord Edward that Lady Cecil is staying at Groot Schuur with Lady Benckick, and both are quite well. Give my regards to Major Gould-Adams.

A later wire, dated Capetown, March 19th, says:—Large supplies are now on the road. Mr. Sam Weil is with the relief force now marching from Kimberley.

#### PRICES IN LADYSMITH BEFORE THE RELIEF

Eggs 36s per dozen; a small fowl 18s. 6d.; a pumpkin 12s.; a

small marrow 6s.; a tin of jam 12s. 6d.; a tin of milk 8s. 6d.; box of sardines 3s.; tobacco £4 10s. per lb.; while a case of whiskey was raffled for £145.

## LOST. TWO COMMANDOES.

S. & D. News says, March 7th. No official reports are to hand of the whereabouts of the Krugersdorp, Ward 1 and Johannesburg commandoes. It is believed that a portion of these forces have fallen into the hands of the enemy. [The live "portion" we presume our contemporary alludes to.]

## CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor Mafeking Mail.

SIR,—In your "Special Siege Slip" of March 31st, 1900, there were three letters *re* compensation.

Upon that subject I trust you will not think it an impertinence on my part for just drawing attention to the following:—

1. The men of all Corps in Mafeking (as nearly everyone is, no doubt, well aware) for some considerable time have been on short rations. Now whether the authorities at home will compensate them in any way is quite an open question, if their claims are not backed up by some one in authority.

2. I hear that some of the Volunteer Corps in the Colony and Natal are drawing 10s. per diem; if that is correct, do you think it would be asking too much for us to be put down for the same rate of pay?

Of course the men would not think of approaching the gallant G.O.C. on the subject but I thought that through your columns the thing might be suggested.

Trusting you will insert these few lines, and thanking you in anticipation,

I am, &c.,

"EX-TOMMY ATKINS."

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## Mafeking Garrison.

### GENERAL ORDERS

By Colonel R. S. S. Baden-Powell, Commanding Frontier Force.

MAFEEKING, 2ND APRIL, 1900.

*Flags of Honour.*—The Colonel Commanding has much pleasure in announcing that a flag of honour is being made by the ladies of Mafeking for presentation to D 2, Cape Police, for their plucky and efficient scouting early in the war, and for the prominent part taken by them in driving the Boers out of the Brickfields.

*Court of Summary Jurisdiction.*—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet on Tuesday, the 3rd April, at the Court House, at 10-15 a.m., for the examination of such prisoners as may be brought before it. President: Major Lord Edward Cecil, D.S.O.; Member: C. G. H. Bell, Esq., C.C. & R.M.

*Medical Subordinates, etc.*—With reference to General Order No. 6, of the 24th ultimo, all Nurses and Medical Subordinates connected with the Hospital, the Convent Hospital, the Laager Hospital, the Town Guard and the Railway Division will be under the orders of Dr. Hayes as Base P.M.O. The Medical Subordinates of the Military and Police Forces will be under Major Anderson, E.A.M.C. as P.M.O. of the Forces, assisted by Surgeon Captain Holmden, B.S.A.P.

*Town Police.*—1. Sergeant P. Stuart, C.P. II., is appointed Chief Constable, Mafeking; all the Civil Police being under his control.

2. Sergt. P. Stuart, Chief Constable, Mafeking, is entitled to draw Extra Duty Pay from Imperial Funds at the rate of 7/6 per diem from the 13th October inclusive.

*Horses: Extra Rations.*—With reference to General Order No. 4, of the 12th ult., the Extra Ration therein authorised will consist of

|            |                       |
|------------|-----------------------|
| Whole Oats | ... 2 lbs. per horse. |
| Oat Bran   | ... 5 " "             |

By Order,

E. H. CECIL, Major.

Chief Staff Officer.

## SIEGE ESSAY COMPETITION.

By A. L. CHIDDY.

(Continued from Slip No. 105)

They are very erratic with the big gun, some days not firing at all, while other days as many as 30 shells are put into town. This number has been exceeded two or three times already. The first position which the big gun occupied was at Jackal Tree, about four miles South of the town; the second and third on the rise to the East of Cannon Kopje; the fourth on the North-east front; the fifth West of the Women's Laager, and the sixth back to the North-east front, where she now stands. Bells have been placed all over the town to warn the inhabitants when the gun is loaded and elevated, and also when she fires. The Boers have shelled the laager two or three times with the big gun and

smaller ones, although they know that the Red Cross flag is flown there. It was a very cowardly thing for men to do. It was thought that even Boers had more sense of honour than to kill helpless women and children. One one occasion a little girl was killed, and a little boy so severely wounded that he died afterwards. A white flag has also been fired upon here. The Cape Boys, under Lieutenant Currie, Cape Police, have done very good work. The night before last the enemy evacuated a very strong trench on the South-east near the Brickfields. The cause of the evacuation was the Cape Boys, who had entrenched themselves not 200 yards from the Boer trench. A quantity of explosive and an old newspaper was discovered in it. The Boers have retired further up the river, with a 5-pounder which they had in the Brickfields trench. We are expecting relief soon, either from the force which is advancing from Kimberley northwards, or from Colonel Plumer, who is not very far away, between us and Bulawayo. He has with him a force of Volunteers similar to the Protectorate Regiment, and an Armoured train. In town the whole population is on short rations. The women receive half of what the men get. The Natives have a Soup Kitchen, where they obtain a ration of soup at a certain price. Life is getting very monotonous lately, and all are eagerly waiting for relief. The war will soon be at an end, so we will not have to wait very long. When the war is over, all who took up arms will receive a medal from the Queen, and we all hope that there will be a happy ending to the Siege of Mafeking.

## £1 REWARD

WILL be paid to anyone giving such information that will lead to the detection of the individual who tore out a portrait from the "Daily Graphic" at the Mail office on Sunday.

G. N. H. WHALES

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V. T. MANIE,

The well-known Practical Hairdresser. Mafeking, 28th March, 1900.

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# THE MAFEKING MAIL

## SPECIAL SIEGE SLIP.

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No. 108

Tuesday, April 3rd, 1900.

173rd day of Siege

The Mafeking Mail.

TUESDAY, 3RD APRIL, 1900.

### LATEST NEWS.

By the courtesy of the Colonel Commanding we are enabled to print the following:—

"It is reported that Gen. Carrington is to enter Rhodesia via Beira with 5,000 mounted men. Horses have been bought in Hungary, the idea being to prevent possible trekking northwards of Boers who will not live under British rule, when the Transvaal is taken over. This force is proposed to have a proportion of Imperial officers to be disposed at Salisbury, Victoria, Gwelo, Bulawayo and Palapye. Force to be raised to be raised in the Colonies. Meanwhile officers have arrived from Uganda.

Foreign complications are expected as the Market has hardly risen at all, even after the relief of Ladysmith. The Russians are mobilising in the East and are desirous of grabbing another Port in China.

Vicksbury Maxim Co. have been ordered by us to keep on making guns until further orders. Very large orders have also been placed with the firm of Armstrong.

A party of Native scouts who returned yesterday reported an advanced column at Vryburg, the main body being at Tauks and repairing the railway as they advance.

The following account of the engagement which took place on Saturday has been received from Col. Plumer:

"I was out yesterday with mounted troops between Ramathlabama and Mafeking, and became

engaged with the enemy about 3 p.m., when about 6 miles from Mafeking. The Boers came out from Mafeking in considerable force. After holding out for about half an hour on the ground, the Boers began to work round both our flanks, and we then returned gradually on Ramathlabama and subsequently on our base camp. The action lasted till 6 p.m., the Boers pressing us closely as far as Ramathlabama. The retirement was well carried out, the Squadrons falling back in succession in good order under very heavy fire: B Squadron, under Major Bird was particularly noticeable.

Killed: Officers, Capt. F. Crewe, S.R.V., Lieut. F. Milligan, Rhodesian Regiment. Missing, and known to be severely (I am afraid dangerously) wounded: Captain McLaren, 18th Hussars; wounded slightly: Self, Rolt, and Weston Jarvis. N.C.O.'s and men killed, 7; wounded, 26; missing, 11. Ambulance is out now with search party for missing men.

Poor McLaren was hit first in the knee and was being brought all right when he was hit again—this time, I am told, in the chest. The man who was with him is missing too. I am writing this under difficulties, as I was wounded in the right arm, but it is nothing serious.

Capt. McLaren is now in Hospital at McMullen's Laager. News received to-day that he is progressing favourably, and all the other wounded are doing well."

Foreign complications may probably arise, particularly if such a prolific germ were developed as our use of, and perhaps, later, enforced protection to, Delagoa Bay, but we fail to

see that the Stock Market not having risen on receipt of intelligence of Ladysmith's relief, is any indication of those complications being expected. The Market could hardly rise more because there was no further margin left it to rise. It will be remembered that all through our reverses, the Market, although low, was not so depressed as might have been expected and that as far back as January we had word of its increasing firmness. The news of reaction on the Market, which regularly follows any rise, would probably have reached us in the form of "an awful slump" or some such scaring description, but if a drop were prevented by the announcement of Ladysmith's relief, we may be sure that the Home Market has the buoyancy of thorough belief and conviction of final success and that not so long deferred.

"The enemy received an alarm about 1 o'clock in consequence of which a commando of about 100 of them moved off Northwards with three guns and several wagons.

In order to divert some of their force we made a hurried turn out and a demonstration from the Western defence as if to attack Fort "Standard & Diggers." The ruse was completely successful and drew a large party of Boers and two guns out against. Our show being carried out at a distance we had no casualties, but the enemy were not so lucky as their ambulance was seen at work after the mock battle was over."

We are indebted to Major Godley for the following interesting items:

Col. French. (temporary Major General, who has commanded the



cavalry so brilliantly during the campaign), has been promoted Major General.

The first contingent of Imperial Yeomanry arrived on Feb. 21st at Capetown, and 1,000 of them have proceeded to Kimberley. Gen. Brabazon is to command all the Yeomanry in South Africa, with Col. Babington as his A.A.G., and Lord Henry Bontinek (Lord Charles' brother) as his A.D.C.

A telegram of March 14th from Lorenzo Marques says that the Boers in the neighbourhood of Bloemfontein have wheeled in a westerly direction and are now heading to the North-west in a scattered line. Fighting going on, results unknown. It is believed, unless overtaken, the enemy will not make a stand on the South side of the Vaal, but our efforts to overtake them and cut them off are apparently proceeding successfully.

On March 11th, before the occupation of Bloemfontein, by our troops on March 13th, Col. Broadwood's cavalry came up with a lot of Boers at Driefontein and then waited till Kelly-Kenny's Division joined him. Hard fighting followed, the cavalry turned the position and the Boers retired in the night. 40 prisoners were taken and a number of Boer dead were left on the field.

500 women and children died in Ladysmith during the siege.

Mr. Jameson had typhoid fever there.

The reason for the fight at Spion's Kop was that, by occupying it, Gen. Buller was enabled to send 250 wagon loads of provisions into Ladysmith. Having done so he had no further use of Spion's Kop and withdrew from it.

The heaviest of the seven days' continuous fighting which led to the relief of Ladysmith was on Sunday Feb. 23rd between Pieters and Grobler's Kloof. The latter place was attacked by the Commandant's Rangers, 1st Royal Dublin Fusiliers and Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. The last named regiment charged with the bayonet and in 10 minutes had 410 men put out of action out of 600 men engaged. The casualties in the three regiments numbered 800.

On Monday 26th, there was an armistice asked for by the Boers to bury the dead.

On the 27th Gen. Barton with the 6th Brigade and 2nd Royal Dublin Fusiliers crept down the river, to a new crossing—discovered and pontoon thrown across by Col. Sandbaech R.E.—and by climbing a very steep hill assaulted and captured Pieter's Hill, and turned the enemy's flank. The rest of Gen. Warren's division then assailed the enemy's main position which was magnificently carried by the South Lancashire Regiment just before sunset, and the Boers were immediately in full retreat.

On the 28th Lord Dundonald marched into Ladysmith with the Imperial Light Horse and other Natal Colonial troops, they having been specially selected for this compliment by General Buller, to mark his high appreciation of the gallant part they had taken in the fighting in Natal.

## BRITISH CASUALTIES

All over Africa up to February 1st are:—

Died of disease: 393; Missing: 2,765; Wounded: 4,966; Killed: 1,537.

## Mafeking Garrison.

### GENERAL ORDERS

By Colonel R. S. S. Baden-Powell, Commanding Frontier Force.

MAFeking, 2ND APRIL, 1900.

It is with great regret that the Colonel Commanding has to announce the death yesterday, in the Boers' Hospital, of Capt. Crewe, Rhodesian Regiment. He died of wounds received in action on the 31st ultimo. This officer was, in the Matabele War, 1896, recommended for the Victoria Cross for gallantry in action. At our request his body has been handed over to us for interment.

Colonel Plumer has not as yet collected supplies sufficient for us, but he writes that in the mean time his force are anxious for the Mafeking Garrison to understand that they are ready to advance to our assistance at any time, should we desire it. I have replied that the Garrison of Mafeking very highly appreciates the good feeling and all the good work and hardships which the officers and men of the Northern Column have gone through in our behalf.

*Brickfields: Command.*—Insp. Browne, Cape Police D 2, having sufficiently recovered to return to duty, resumes command of the Brickfields from this date inclusive, vice Insp. Marsh, Cape Police D 1, who returns to the South-eastern Defences.

*Court of Summary Jurisdiction.*—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet on Wednesday, the 4th instant, at the Court House, at 10-15 a.m., for the examination of such prisoners as may be brought before it. President: Lieut. Col. C. B. Vyvyan. Member: Major F. W. Panzera.

*Chief Paymaster: Office Hours.*—The Chief Paymaster's office will be closed at 1 p.m. daily after this date. All persons having unpaid accounts against the Government are requested to present their claims as soon as possible.

*Military Funerals: Arrangements for.*—All arrangements in connection with funerals will be carried out by Lieut. McKenzie, Transport Officer, and all communications on the subject should be addressed to him. The report of any deaths, in Hospital or elsewhere, will be sent directly to Lieutenant McKenzie, Headquarter Office, as early as possible.

*Stamps or Notes: Photographs of, etc.*—Persons are warned that they render themselves liable to heavy punishment should they be convicted of forging by copying, reproducing, or imitating by photography, or any such means, any Note or Stamp, or surcharge thereon, whether for purposes of passing or not, which may have been, or which may be brought out by the authority of the Colonel Commanding the Forces.

*Gaol Constables.*—The Civil Commissioner is hereby authorised to enrol four additional Native Gaol Constables at the rate of 1/6 each per diem pay, and rations.

*Fencing Removed by Government.*—Persons at present holding acknowledgments from the Imperial Authorities to replace fenceings removed for purposes of firewood, are requested to communicate with Capt. Ryan. Also any persons who have not received such acknowledgment and require same are requested to make application. The following information is required in respect to this matter: No. of Erf or Erven and the length and breadth of the area which was originally enclosed by the fencing removed.

By order,  
E. H. CECIL, Major,  
Chief Staff Officer.

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## SPECIAL SIEGE SLIP.

No. 109

Wednesday, April 4th, 1900. 174th Day of Siege

### The Mafeking Mail.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH APRIL, 1900.

#### PAPER DIFFICULTY.

The difficulty of finding paper for these slips has become greater than ever and we must cut down their superficial measurement as well as limit the editions to the number required by present list of subscribers. Paper does not appear to be so easily obtained as even breadstuffs. We have it on the highest scientific authority (local) that the bristliness of our breakfast roll increased as the stock of tooth brushes decreased; and we know that the day after Corporal Rosenfeld captured some old sacks, in the Boer trenches, we had an alteration in the consistency of our bread. It is also equally true that two days after Capt. R—n advertised for a large quantity of matches, the bread was much whiter than before. But we have no energetic and resourceful D.A.A.G. on our staff and therefore admit frankly that we are almost beaten, and if the slips are soon reduced to six words each instead of six columns, it will be because we cannot help it. At any rate for the present the size must be reduced to foolscap. The only item we can promise shall *not* be reduced, is the subscription.

#### LATEST NEWS.

By the courtesy of the Colonel Commanding we are enabled to print the following:—

The following telegram has been received from Lient-Col. Plumer, dated 2nd April, 1900.

"Telegrams received from Col. Nicholson, Bulawayo, 29th March, 1900:—

"Please inform Lient-Colonel Plumer that the Mafeking Relief Force from the South is said to have cleared road 40 miles north of Kimberley on the 19th of March. Boers destroyed piers of temporary and permanent bridges at Fourteen Streams.

March 29th.—Steamship *Salisbury* arrived at Beira yesterday.

Kruger has issued order for all Boers to assemble at Kroonstad on pain of death.

Business at Bloemfontein is being resumed.

Goods train service at Capetown is reestablished.

Boers continue crossing into Basutoland, and surrendering.

Mafeking Relief Force is 45 miles from Kimberley.

Kitchener occupied Prieska on the 19th of March.

Brabant is arresting many rebels.

Transvaal prisoners are going to St. Helena."

#### MEMS.

His Worship the Mayor has received a communication from Mrs. Whiteley, who is at present staying in the North of England, informing him that Mrs. Whiteley has had numerous applications and shoals of letters from friends and relatives of people in Mafeking. In reply, Mrs. Whiteley gave them all the information she possibly could. The message sent by the Mayor on the 100th day of the Siege, to Her Majesty the Queen, was graciously acknowledged by telegram, which appeared in the Capetown papers of Feb. 22nd. The Queen's reply contained the expression: "Her Majesty was touched and gratified by the message and trusted that we would continue to keep 'all well.' " The newspapers over the whole of Great Britain expressed the greatest enthusiasm concerning the Mayor's telegram, which was sent by Her Majesty to the House of Commons and read out by Mr. Balfour, midst a scene of unparalleled excitement.

According to a statement in the *Daily Chronicle*, Colonel Baden-Powell's book on scouting—one of the most admirable manuals of its kind ever published, and most interesting reading even to a civilian—has been translated into German and issued free of cost to every soldier in the German Army. If this is true, it shows that the soldier, like the prophet, has to look outside his own country for honour; and whether it is true or not, it affords a hint which our War Office might well act upon. There is more than one article in the present field kit which might prove less useful than this little manual, and those troops who have yet to sail could not be provided with better reading on the voyage to the Cape.—*Truth*.

# Mafeking Garrison.

## GENERAL ORDERS

By Colonel R. S. S. Baden-Powell, Commanding Frontier Force.

MAFEKING, 4TH APRIL, 1900.

*Court of Summary Jurisdiction.*—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet on Thursd. the 5th April, at the Court House, at 10-15 a.m. for the examination of such prisoners as may be brought before it. President: H. H. Major Gould-Adams, C.B., C.M.G. Member: Lieut.-Colonel C. O. Hore.

*Paper Money.*—Persons are warned that no One Pound or Ten Shilling Siege Notes are genuine unless they bear the signatures of the Chief Paymaster, Mafeking, and the Bank Manager (Mr. Urry), and also the impress of the Bechuanaland embossed Penny Stamp. These Notes are all numbered.

*Gaol Constables.*—General Order No. 6, of yesterday's date is hereby cancelled and the following substituted: The Civil Commissioner is hereby authorised to pay three of the Gaol Constables Extra Duty Pay at the rate of 1/6 per diem from 13th Oct., 1899, inclusive, in consideration of the extra duties devolving upon them through the exigencies of the Siege.

*Sowen Porridge.*—A bonus of £5 has been authorised to be paid to Private Sims, Railway Division, for introducing "Sowen" Porridge as an article of food. Two Kitchens for the manufacture of this porridge are being prepared so that it may be available for the troops and inhabitants.

*Requisitions.*—Any officials signing requisitions for articles required from storekeepers, etc., should specify on such requisitions the Department through which payment will be made.

*Paraffin Lamps.*—With reference to General Order No. 8, of the 31st ultimo, (lamps being supplied to forts) it is hereby notified that the proportion of paraffin allowed will be: 1 bottle per lamp for 14 days.

By Order,

E. H. CECIL, Major,  
Chief Staff Officer.

## ENGLAND AT WAR.

'Tis past, the hour of parting's o'er,  
The troopship's on the main,  
And some have looked on England's shore  
That ne'er shall look again.  
The last adieux come faint and low,  
Borne on the wintry wind,  
God's mercy on the men that go,  
And those they leave behind!  
For "them" the strife—for "us" the fears,  
That grow with hope's delay,  
The daily dread, the mighty tears,  
For loved ones far away;  
Yet oh! though loss be hard to bear,  
And sense of threatening harm,  
Let not the thought of private care  
Unnerv a nation's arm!

For sternly must the soldiers fight,  
Whose country stakes her all;  
Now is the day when England's might  
Must conquer, or must fall.

Though valour unrewarded die,  
Not every field he won,  
We'll hate no jot of courage high  
Before our task be done.

Souls of our best! whose bodies fill  
Their unforgotten grave,  
By Magersfontein's murderous hill,  
Or dark Tugela's wave,  
Nobly ye stood, ye gallant dead,  
For England's honour slain!  
'Tis ours to prove the blood ye shed  
Has not been shed in vain.

A. D. GODLEY

Magdalen College, Oxford.

Published in the "Spectator."

## CORRESPONDENCE.

Charles Alexander, Durban Advertisement, Six Shillings.

## NOTICE.

IT is proposed to take a photograph on Sunday next, 8th inst., of all past and present officers and men of Infantry Regiments in the British Army who are now forming part of the Garrison of Mafeking, as a memento of the Siege, which will be of interest not only to those included in the group but also to their respective regiments.

Commanding Officers are requested to afford to those under their command the necessary facilities for attending for the purpose at the new Railway Workshops at 7-30 a.m. on Sunday, and to forward to Lieut.-Colonel Vyvyan, Base Commandant, a list of names showing the Corps served in, rank, or discharge, and period of service.

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No. 110

Thursday, April 5th, 1900.

175th Day of Siege

*Mafeking Mail.*

THURSDAY, 5TH APRIL, 1900.

### LATEST NEWS.

By the courtesy of the Colonel Commanding we are enabled to print the following:

South of Orange Free State is now completely subjugated, and wherever our troops go, arms are surrendered. Our troops hold Modder River Bridge, North of Bloemfontein, and cavalry has occupied the country as far East as Thaba Nchu. Temporary railway from Bridge at Norval's Pont will be finished in a week. All quiet in Natal.

Cape advises restoration of communication with following places:—Riverton Road, Windsorton, Dordrecht, Jamestown, Ludwe and Burgheersdorp.

Military authorities notify that they cannot accept any more private telegrams for Bloemfontein at present. Advise public.

This morning's news is exceedingly good. We are not "possessed with a spirit of divination" and never would bring "our master much gain by soothsaying," in fact, we always "give it up" directly anyone asks: "what's the difference between, &c.,"—consequently we may be excused for wondering what on earth it means. We have read, and re-read, till our brain whirled like it does the morning after—, never mind what. Examining the "news" once again we find dated March 25th, "South of Orange Free State now completely subjugated." That's all right. Six days earlier, March 19th, it had "generally collapsed," while a week before then, March 11th, it was "practically conquered." The next phrase is ambiguous, "wherever our troops go, arms are surrendered." We believe it refers to the arms of the enemy. Another terrible conundrum is the meaning of that mysterious sentence, "All quiet in Natal." Is everybody, Boer and Briton, annihilated, or have all our troops left the Colony and the Boers returned to the Transvaal? "All

quiet in Natal" with 50,000 Tommies there. Myes! but one would hardly expect such pacific calmness. "Cape advises restoration of communication, &c." Good advice too, just what we should recommend. There is no doubt, the news is splendid, but how we wish we could guess what it is all about.

### LOCAL MEMS.

Yesterday the Court of Summary Jurisdiction sat for the 100th time.

The quality of the "Sowen" now being made is a great improvement upon that first issued, and those who decline to eat it cannot be very hungry.

A housewife with æsthetic yearning has the walls of her sitting room tastefully decorated with round brown plaques, tied with salmon-coloured ribbon. We were curiously examining them, and, not being able to decide whether they were of Etruscan origin, asked the question. The reply, interesting and surprising, was: "Oh, no! They are only last week's bread ration, which were too hard for my husband's teeth; poor fellow."

A balloon arrived between midnight of Tuesday and Wednesday morning, with a batch of illustrated papers. Among others is a *Graphic* with an excellent full-page picture of the "Bell scot in the Market Square," and other views of local interest.

We cannot apply again for the loan of papers for next Sunday unless we receive the information advertised for, i.e., the name of the individual who last Sunday tore a portrait from the *Daily Graphic*. We had hoped that whoever it was, on recognising the selfishness of the act, would have regretted giving way to a momentary impulse and have personally returned it. It is a pity that four hundred readers (we had that number in our office during Sunday and Monday) should be deprived of an advantage—which they had respected by exercising the greatest care—through the selfishness of some one who, it is possible, may hold a position that ought to place him beyond the suspicion of an ungentlemanlike action.

Herbert P. Jones, whose sentence of death for the crime of murder, at Mafeking, was commuted for one of life long imprisonment, appeared at the Central Criminal Court, Cape town, in February, charged with assaulting Mr. Foster, the Superintendent of the Breakwater Convict Station, with a piece of iron about fifteen inches long. In Court he expressed his intention to murder Mr. Foster when sent back to prison, and was remanded in custody.

An enthusiastic and enterprising stamp collector has managed to get a letter through to our Postmaster asking him to reserve a supply of the stamps surcharged "Mafeking Siege."

"I shall be glad when this is over, I am tired of being treated like peas."

"What d'you mean, "treated like peas?"

"Arrn't the Boers always shelling us,"—and the fiend still lives.

## MAFEKING GARRISON

### GENERAL ORDERS

By Colonel R. S. S. Baden-Powell,  
Commanding Frontier Force.

MAFEKING, 5TH APRIL, 1900.

*Court of Summary Jurisdiction*—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet on Friday, the 6th April, at the examination of such prisoners as may be brought before it. President: Lord Edward Cecil, D.S.O.; Member: C. G. H. Boll Esq., C.C. & R.M.

*Pay Lists*.—With reference to General Order, No. 4 of 1st Feb. 1900, weekly pay lists of all corps and employees, paid through the Chief Paymaster's Department, must in future be sent in so as to reach his office not later than 10 a.m. on Saturdays. The money will be paid out at 3 p.m. on Saturdays.

*Loot*.—With reference to General No. 1, of the 31st January 1900, the following is the scale of award approved of by the Colonel Command-

ing for recovering or taking from the enemy, cattle, horses, donkeys, sheep and goats :

(a) For simply rounding up animals straying from our own lines without coming under fire, 5s. per animal.

(b) Recovering under fire animals that have strayed from our lines a reward of £1 to £1, according to circumstances.

(c) Where animals belonging to enemy are brought in to our lines, one quarter belongs to the Government; the authorities reserving to themselves the option of purchasing the remainder at full value.

Payments due under the above regulations will be made by the Chief Paymaster on the certificate of Capt. Ryan, D.A.A.G. (b).

*Signatures to Requisitions.*—All persons concerned are requested to note that Mr. Myers, the Superintendent of Soup Kitchens, has authority to sign orders and requisitions for articles required in the Department under his charge, and his signature to such requisitions or orders is to be accepted as equivalent to that of the D.A.A.G. (b).

*Copying Orders.*—As no more paper is obtainable, it will be impossible, after to-day, to issue orders. All Corps and Units will, therefore, in future detail an orderly to attend at the Headquarter Office daily, at 5 p.m., to copy orders.

By order,

E. H. CECIL, Major,  
Chief Staff Officer.

## WAR AUTOMOBILES.

The Motor Manufacturing Co., Ltd., have an order for some motor tricycles for use at the seat of war, mainly, it is believed, for despatch riding, while Mr. John Moffat, of Somerby House, Oakham, under the aegis of the War Office, is to bring to South Africa, for trial, an armed and armoured motor car, constructed to run on the railway track, or on road, 20 or 30 miles per hour; and fire 450 shots per minute.

An Irishman at Dover ran "amok," made the announcement that he was Kruger, and meant to kill the English; pelted the Mayor's drawing room with flower pots; kept the police at bay for one hour and went to prison for nine weeks.

Pretoria, March 13th (Reuter).—The Charge d'Affaires of Portugal has advised the Government of the Secret Treaty of 1891, which was not published. In effect it gives the right to send troops and war material through Beira to the British Protectorate. The Transvaal Government is protesting, and holds that the Secret Treaty is not in operation, just the same as Article 6 of the Republic's treaty with Portugal gives the Republic privileges which are now in abeyance, and considers the act a breach of neutrality.

President Kruger was at Bloemfontein as a guest of President Steyn on Tuesday, March 6th. On the 13th Steyn had flown and Lord Roberts entered the town.

In a despatch from Lady-smith, the writer, Mr. Reid, special correspondent for the *Daily Mail*, said: "On Christmas Day and New Year's Day the Boers exhibited an unwonted and surprising sense of humour. On both days shells came from their guns bearing seasonable greetings. One of them had chiselled on it "With Compliments" and on the fuse being removed it was found to contain plum pudding, liquorice and peppermints.

It is calculated that up to the end of last year, 8,000 shells were thrown into Ladysmith.

A *Saturday Review* says:—"The right treatment of the actively disloyal Dutch is a serious problem which threatens to grow in magnitude unless properly handled at first. . . . This war is not one which is being conducted by our opponents on the principles of chivalrous nations. In almost all their successes treachery plays a part, or there are incidents connected with them in which treachery is involved. The

astute war correspondent of the *Westminster Gazette* doubts whether the Boers have given proof of actual valour at all. This may be rather an ethical question but it has a distinct bearing upon the political one."

Our contemporary then goes on to argue the question of the treatment of rebels, and advocates, in the interests of statesmanship, that rope or shot should not be used. We do not think our esteemed contemporary quite appreciates the nature of the savage animal; now endeavouring to rend the bosom of its protector. Carrying out the full penalty that strict justice demands, would have a better moral effect upon the race, than any steps in the direction of magnanimity; which the Boer, utterly deficient in imagination, would grimly accept as a proof of weakness. His continental friends, if any be left him after recent performances, can but recognise that had theirs been the power dealt with, the death penalty would scarcely be considered by them adequate.

Capetown, Feb. 26th.—It is stated that Kimberley could have held out another six weeks. [So might Mafeking, but she doesn't hanker after it.]

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### THE Mafeking Mail.

FRIDAY, 6TH APRIL, 1900.

#### "AND THERE IS NO NEW THING UNDER THE SUN."

By the courtesy of a gentleman cooped up with the rest of us, we were favoured with the sight of a book containing a description of the "heliograph" as used over five thousand years ago. Perhaps it is incorrect to call it a heliograph as fire was used, instead of the sun, and we have so many and such severe critics ready to point out our daily errors,—whether they consist of merely an upturned letter, the spelling of balloon with one "l," the use of a familiar singular instead of the substitution of the correct but unfamiliar plural, or the more reprehensive offence of a s' written paragraph which conveys no more meaning than some "latest news" messages,—that we are forced to be particular—when we can. The following is roughly Mr. Polybius's description of what may have been used goodness knows how long before his time:—

"The 24 letters of the alphabet must be divided into five parts, these must be fixed on a board from top to bottom in their natural order in five columns. The alphabet being disposed in this manner the man who is to make the signal must begin by showing two torches or lights; these he must hold aloft till the other party has also shown two lights; this is only to show that both parties are ready. Then the signaller

must shew as many lights to the left hand as the number of the column in which the letter he wants will be found, and as many lights on the right hand as will shew the number of the letter down that column."

#### GOOD OLD CHARTERHOUSE

##### Sends Supplies to Mafeking.

The following circular was sent out, during January, by the Master of Charterhouse and a committee, and by this time the presents are well on the way here:—

We are anxious to send out to South Africa, in the second week of February, some useful things for old Baden-Powell and his gallant band, ready for use when the siege of Mafeking is raised. We appeal to Old and Present Carthusians for such things as Caps, Comforters, Shirts, Slippers, Socks, Sweaters, of warm material, and Boots—Pipes, Tobacco, Cigarettes, and Cigars—Jams, Tablets of Chocolate, Soup, Vegetables, &c.—Brandy, Whiskey and Champagne—and Money to pay the carriage and packing. Heavy goods labelled 'Mafeking Relief Fund' should be sent to 'The Square, Godalming,' and should have the donor's name on label, if Cheques or light goods will be gratefully acknowledged by any one of us."

#### MEMS.

"Khaki" is Persian and means earth-colored, 'khak' earth or dirt. The name was first applied to a fabric, in India, where the manufacture of the dye, giving it its special

color, was regarded as a valuable secret.

We are told that a blanc-mange, or pudding, made from starch and jelly powder, is delicious.

Papers will be on view at the Court House on Sunday. Particulars in to-morrow's slip.

Mr. C. Mettam, of the Refugee Laager, whose poem, "Game Tree Fight," was read at the Competition, is going to publish it at a shilling per copy; the proceeds to be given to the Hospital.

SCENE: The Court of Summary Jurisdiction, Mafeking.

TIME: During the progress of the Siege, 10 a.m., a wet morning.

A refugee having had a summons for assault served upon him by the Chief Constable, has not turned up. The President of the Court has already taken his seat.

Clerk of the Court—(to Chief Constable—growing alarmed) "Are you sure you served that summons properly? Had you not better go and see about it?"

Chief Constable (indignantly): "Go awa up to the Refugee Laager through aw this mud and may be sniped at in the bargain—No me, I ken the mon weel—if it's anything like a fine day he'll be here."

WHAT ABOUT HIS AUNT? —O.C.: (filling in Nationality List) "Where were you born?"

"Oh! London; although really my mother was away in the country for a holiday when I was born."



We like nothing better than Tea. Two cups of tea in the morning on being awakened, two with breakfast, two during the middle of the morning, two at luncheon, two about 4 o'clock, two at dinner and two with the ante-bed pipe, is all we require. We delight in tobacco also. We would like someone to light our pipe and insert it between where our teeth used to be, before being called, so that we should not miss the flavour of the weed on waking, but we like the two flavours kept distinct. We prefer taking them separately, and unless the Ration-issuer-in-chief requisitions for another pair of scales, so that our tea allowance does not arrive mixed with remnants of tobacco left in the scale from the previous weigh up, there will be a disturbance in his epigastrium; equal to that caused in ours by the objectionable compound of flavours.

A correspondent of the *Penny Mail* reckons up the Boer losses at 10,000, of which number he credits Mafeking and Kuruman with 1,100.

## MAFEKING GARRISON.

### GENERAL ORDERS

By Colonel R. S. S. Baden-Powell,  
Commanding Frontier Force.

MAFEKING, 6TH APRIL, 1900.

*Court of Summary Jurisdiction.*—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet on Saturday, the 7th April, at the Court House, at 10-15 a.m., for the examination of such prisoners as may be brought before it. President: Lieut.-Colonel C. B. Vyvyan. Member: Major F. W. Panzera.

*Assessment Committee.*—The Assessment Committee, under the Chairman, Mr. C. G. H. Bell, C.C. & R.M., will meet on Sunday, the 8th instant, at Dixon's Hotel at 10 a.m. Owners attending at the above place and hour will be informed about what time the Committee will arrive at their respective houses.

*Assessment of Damages.*—With reference to General Order No. 7, of the 19th of February, all persons submitting claims for assessment of damage to house property and fur-

niture must, at the time, furnish the undermentioned Affidavits respectively:

**HOUSE PROPERTY.**—Affidavit of competent Builder, giving full particulars and details, as to the amount of damage; also Affidavit of Owner or Agent as to cause of damage.

**FURNITURE.**—Affidavit of Owner or Agent as to amount and cause of damage.

*Reduction of Establishment.*—The four Native Watchmen, authorised by General Order No. 4, of 30th December, being no longer required, are discharged from this date, and the establishment reduced accordingly.

*Bounty to A.S.C. Baker.*—A bonus of £5 has been awarded to Mr. Elliston for inventing a ration biscuit made out of Oat Flour.

By order,

E. H. CECIL, Major,  
Chief Staff Officer.

## "B.P."

[Contributed,—by a Lady].

Our Colonel's a jolly good fellow,  
An out and out stunner is he,  
And this you may bet, that we'll never forget  
Our gallant Commander B-P.

Do you mind how the Boer that first morning  
Thought to walk in our town with Cronje,  
But from Dixon's look-out, they were soon put to rout,  
They found 'twas no joke with B-P.

Then they brought their great 94-pounder,  
A blustering person is she,  
But soon o'er the town, there were holes to run down  
And again they were sold by B-P.

Snyman fired at our women and children,  
Nine shells in the Laager sent he,  
So Dutch spies straightaway, were sent there all day,  
That was wondrous cute of B-P.

They think that we're eating each other,  
But that is because they can't see,  
The wonderful way, we are fed on "ground hay"  
Through the forethought and care of B-P.

And when in the general rejoicing,  
When troops have arrived and we're free,  
I feel there'll be sighs and tears in our eyes,  
When bidding farewell to B-P.

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## ASSESSMENT OF PROPERTY.

List of names of owners whose property will be assessed on Sunday next, 8th April:—

|            |                   |
|------------|-------------------|
| Erf No. 83 | P. J. Trollope    |
| " 83       | J. Hofmann        |
| " 83       | C. A. Kidwell     |
| " 74       | I. Amod           |
| " 45       | W. N. Cooper      |
| " 46       | J. H. Elmes       |
| " 47       | W. A. Hampson     |
| " 63       | I. Amod           |
| " 64       | "                 |
| " 52       | Rev. W. H. Weekes |
| " 27       | J. O. Evans       |
| " 27       | E. Gates          |
| " 27       | E. Solomon        |

## Blankets & Rugs (Several Hundreds

### COLD WEATHER APPROACHING.

"NON-SIEGE" PRICES: 5/-, 8/-, 10/-

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Household Effects of Mrs. Girdwood, consisting of Kitchen Utensils, Ornaments, Tables, Chairs, Carpenters Tools, etc., etc.

Also 1 Double Barrel Express Rifle, in case, by Purdy, and 150 rounds of Ammunition.

New and Second-hand Clothing, Revolver, Bicycle, Watch, Novels, Chair Bedstead, Galvanized Iron, and a large selection of other goods.

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### For Private Sale.

1 Set Second-hand Colonial made Mule Harness (Wheeler)  
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## The Raffle for a Shot Gun

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Bradley's Hotel at 7.30 p.m. Saturday evening

E. PLATNAUER, Com. Agent.

A few Tickets still to be obtained.

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### THE Mafeking Mail.

SATURDAY, 7TH APRIL, 1900.

#### WANTED: A GENERAL.

A splendid opportunity now presents itself for some of those "know-it-alls" to demonstrate that superior military skill,—which they must possess or they would never have expatiated so learnedly upon what the British troops ought or ought not to have done,—to offer themselves as Commander-in-Chief to the enemy. Undoubtedly anyone who can rally the Boers and make a successful stand would deserve an extra large laurel wreath. *Crouje hors de combat*; Joubert dead; Kruger always mistrusted by a considerable minority; Louis Botha fully occupied, either retiring his forces from the Harris Smith Frontier or barring the way by Van Reenen's Pass; Lukas Meyer similarly engaged with the Vryheid and Utrecht's contingents; Ferreira at Helpmakaar, or possibly already retired on Glenco to concentrate for attempted resistance to British advance, or to join Lukas Meyer. Each of these positions requires the best generalship, they have no suitable men to take the place of those at present in command, an alteration, by the way, that would most likely be followed by immediate disintegration of the commandos, whose leaders were removed. When Mr. Kruger comes as he very soon will, to one of those oft recurring impasses when all his counsellors and advisers have to waive their opinions and opposition under threat of

resignation, he will find that the Volksraad with regular income, bossing, in imagination, the whole of South Africa, were more complaisant than its individual members will be in the field, with 20,000 Rooiicks slowly but unstayingly advancing in front and ruin ghastily stalking behind. The probable answer to a threat of consequences, to follow the non-adoption of his proposals will be the "Taal" equivalent for "Resign and be ———." Should he resign the military command, there is none but Erasmus, now directing Pretoria, town and district division, who could fill the gap, for Schalk Burger now in control of the Lydenburg and Carolina divisions, could not be thought of, and Erasmus would never hold the Boers together, even had he skill to direct the campaign or pluck sufficient to lead them on a forlorn hope. It is a pity we cannot promote some of our local critics of British war tactics to take charge. It would save a few rations.

We regret having to record the death, which occurred yesterday, at the Victoria Hospital, from typhoid fever, complicated by acute congestion of the liver, of Private John McCorkindale, of the Bechuanaland Rifles, the first member the corps has lost since the siege. Deceased, who was but 27 years of age, came to South Africa in January 1899 for reasons of health. After occupying a position with De Beers Co., he, on the anticipated outbreak of the war came here and joined the Volunteers, his connection with the force having lasted exactly six months the day he died. He was a reserved and

gentlemanly young fellow, liked by everyone in the Corps, his good qualities being greatly appreciated by those who knew him most. A regular Scotchman, he did not complain in the least, but continued his duty even when he looked anything but well. He was son of the Rev. John McCorkindale, Parish Minister of Lochgoilhead, one of the loveliest spots on the West Coast of Scotland. A few hours trip by steamer, from Greenock it is much frequented in the summer months. A photograph before us shows an inlet from the sea, fringed by houses: in the centre, the church and commodious manse. Behind the houses a thick belt of high trees and a background of mountains, with a steamer at the pier in the foreground, forms an ideal picture of the homes and surroundings amid which Scotland rears those hard-headed sons whose idomitable pluck so and perseverance help materially the progress of our colonial expansion.

#### MEMS.

By the kind permission of Mr. Bell, the Resident Magistrate, the Court House will henceforth be available for townspeople and garrison, as a Reading Room, and all papers received, will be deposited there. It will be opened for the general public all day on Sundays, and from 3 to 6 on other afternoons. For Officers only: 11-30 to 2 p.m. daily; and Ladies only: 2 to 3 p.m. daily. It is to be hoped that everyone availing themselves of this arrangement will remember that it is intended for the convenience

of the whole public, and that it would be an inexcusably selfish action for anybody to remove a single paper from the room.

A shell from "Ond Greitje" smashed up the R.C.'s office-etceteras which he had just caused to be removed into the house formerly occupied by the late Capt. Girdwood.

We think that when medals are struck for this garrison, if one too many is made, it should be presented to the grey long haired Irish hound, called "Mafeking," belonging to Mr. Hamilton, the "special" war correspondent of the *London Times*. The poor animal has been three times wounded, twice with bullets, and once by a piece of shell.

## MAFEKING GARRISON

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**Visiting Justice**—The Visiting Justice to the Mafeking Gaol for the ensuing week will be Lieut.-Colonel C. O. Hore.

**Pay.—Appointment.**—Mr. Millar is appointed Commandant of the Refugee Lager with pay at the rate of 10/- per diem from the 13th Oct., 1899, inclusive. Mr. Millar is not entitled to trench allowance in addition to pay.

**Establishment**—With reference to General Order No. 3, of 31st March, 1900, the establishment of the Mafeking Cadet Corps is hereby increased to 21 privates from that date.

**Hospital Milk Supply.**—In consequence of the number of fever patients, convalescents, etc., for whom a sufficiency of milk is an absolute necessity, it has become necessary to prohibit entirely the sale of milk to private persons without the written authority of the D.A.A.G. (b). Any persons found selling or buying milk in future without such permit will be brought before the Court of Summary Jurisdiction, and will be liable for punishment for contravening this order.

By order,  
E. H. CECIL, Major,  
Chief Staff Officer.

### UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF

Colonel R. S. S. Baden-Powell  
and Officers of the Garrison,

## A GYMKHANA MEETING

Organised by Col. J. A. H. Walford,  
B.S.A.P.

WILL BE HELD ON

Sunday, April 8th, 1900,

ON THE

RECREATION GROUND,

AT 2 P.M.

JUDGE:—Major H. J. Gould-Adams,  
C.B., C.M.G.

REFEREE:—C. G. H. Bell, Esq., C.C.  
and R.M.

STARTERS:—Lt.-Col. C. O. Hore, P.R.  
Capt. B. W. Cowan, B.R.

TIME KEEPER:—Insp. J. W. Browne,  
C.P., D. H.

HANDICAPPER:—Col. J. A. H. Walford,  
B.S.A.P.

Lady Sarah Wilson has kindly consented to present the prizes.

### PROGRAMME:

- 1—100 YARDS Open Handicap; 1st prize £1, 2nd prize 10/-
- 2—SACK RACE, Cadet Corps; 1st prize 10/-, 2nd prize 5/-, 3rd prize 2/6
- 3— $\frac{1}{2}$  MILE FLAT RACE, Open Handicap; 1st prize £1, 2nd prize 10/-
- 4—THREE-LEGGED RACE; 1st prize 10/-, 2nd do. 5/-
- 5—HORSE & MAN RACE; 1st prize 10/-, 2nd do. 5/-
- 6—BI-CYCLE THREAD THE NEEDLE RACE; Prizes presented by the Officers of the B.S.A.P., Lady's Writing Case, Lady's Handbag, and Ivory Scissors and Paper Knife.
- 7—MOUNTED LLOYD LINDSAY, at Bottles; Teams of four from Protectorate Regiment, Cape Police, B.S.A.P. and Bechuanaland Rifles; prize £2
- 8—WRESTLING ON HORSEBACK; Teams of eight from Protectorate Regiment, Cape Police, B.S.A.P. and Bechuanaland Rifles; prize £2
- 9—100 YARDS FLAT RACE, Cadet Corps; 1st prize 10/-, 2nd do. 5/-, 3rd do. 2/6
- 10—PILLOW ON POLE FIGHT; 1st prize 10/-, 2nd do. 5/-

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## NOTICE.

THE new issue of stamp bearing the Colonel's photograph, will be produced on Monday, the 9th instant. These stamps can only be issued on production of letter addressed locally (Mafeking or forts). No person can for the present be allowed to hand to the officer in charge of Siege Post Office more than one letter per diem.

J. V. HOWAT,

Postmaster.

Mafeking,  
April 7th, 1900.

## ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MAFEKING.

### HOLY WEEK & EASTER 1900.

Monday } Short Service at  
Tuesday } 8 p.m.  
Wednesday }

Thursday.—Holy Communion at 7.30 a.m. Short Service 8 p.m.

Good Friday.—Devotion of the Three Hours Agony, from noon till 3 p.m. (The congregation can enter or leave the Church during the singing of any of the hymns).

Easter Eve.—First Service of Easter, 8 p.m.

Easter Day.—Holy Communion 7.30 and 11.30.  
Mattins and Sermon 10.30.  
Children's Service 3 p.m.  
Evensong and Sermon 7.30.

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### THE Mafeking Mail.

MONDAY, 9TH APRIL, 1900.

#### LATEST NEWS.

By the courtesy of the Colonel Commanding we are enabled to print the following:—

Telegram from A. D. E., Bulawayo, dated 2nd April, 1900:—Rouxville and Thaba Nchu are occupied by British. Rebels cleared from Prieska by British troops. Commandant General Joubert died at Kroonstad on 27th March. Government announces that 50,000 troops and six batteries of artillery, under General Carrington, are coming to occupy Rhodesia.

Telegram from A.D.E. Bulawayo, dated 3rd April:—Joubert's death confirmed. A fight is reported to have taken place at Brandfort. Boers admit 113 casualties. A British column is now marching on Van Wyk's Vlei to deal with Colonial rebels.

Universal celebrations are projected in connection with impending relief of Mafeking.

A Telegram from Cape Town received to-day states that the boys of Charter House, past and present, have subscribed £1,000 for Mafeking sick, wounded, widows and orphans.

Adelaide (Australia) cables "Congratulations on heroic defence, self and brave garrison."

It is rumoured that a column under Lord Methuen met with a reverse at Fourteen Streams, but no official information to this effect has been received.

Lord Roberts entered Bloemfontein on March 13th with Generals French, Kelly-Kenny and Coville (with the Guard's Brigade). They were received with great signs of joy from the Free Staters, who sang "God Save the Queen" and hoisted the Union Jack. There was a grand march-past.

Capetown, March 16th, (Reuter).—800 Free Staters surrendered. Edenburg surrounded. Cavalry found no Boers between Modder River and Bloemfontein. Three quarters of the Free Staters in the South have returned to their farms. General Clements has occupied Springfontein. Gen. Gatacre, with a mounted force, entered Bethulie. Gen. Pole-Carew has established a juncture with Gen. Gatacre.

Bloemfontein, March 17th.—The Boers have blown up all the culverts and bridges north of Brandfort. Lord Methuen has returned to Kimberley, after occupying Boshof, where he captured 170,000 rounds of ammunition. The Diamond Fields Horse has been left at Boshoff as part of the garrison. Lord Methuen has started to relieve Mafeking and has got to Warrenton.

Bloemfontein, March 19th.—Lord Methuen was in time to prevent the deviation bridge at Warrenton being completely destroyed and has secured a pont on the Vaal. It is said that the Transvaal officials have evacuated Vryburg and Taungs.

Kimberley, March 19th.—A sharp engagement took place at Fourteen Streams.

A smart artillery duel took place on the banks of the Vaal yesterday, the enemy had four guns and they were all silenced. The river can only be crossed by swimming. The Boers North of Kimberley have fled to Christiana. Gen. Brabant is arresting prominent rebels at Herschel. Lord Kitchener occupied Prieska on the 19th and all the rebels gave up their arms. He has now gone to Kenhardt.

Sir George White was at Capetown on March 19th, and is probably going to England as he is very delicate and overdone.

General Warren and his division are on their way to join Lord Roberts' advance and Buller, except patrolling all the Drakensburg passes, will not go further at present.

Sir W. Lockhart, Commander-in-chief in India is dead.

Mr. Rhodes has sailed for England in the *Norman*.

Sir A. Miener and the Attorney-General left Capetown on March 19th, evidently for Bloemfontein.

#### NEWSPAPERS.

To-morrow, at the Court House, there will be more *Daily Graphics*, and another *Cape Times* for February, also a later *Bulawayo Chronicle*.

#### Notices to Subscribers.

243, Brown, 61 to 109 are ready packed up if you will kindly send for them.

## The POLITE LETTER-WRITER.

(For the use of Commanding Officers at the front. Framed after the latest pattern.)

(From Punch)

I.

From General A., investing town of X., to General B., in command of defending force.

MY DEAR B.,—What delightful weather this is. to be sure! I hardly ever remember to have seen the crops looking better at this time of year. You and your men are in the best of health, I trust? Possibly the mosquitoes may be troubling you; in this case I would recommend the application of a little ammonia. As your game-larder may be not particularly full just now, I am sending you five brace of ostriches; please accept them with my warmest compliments, and believe me, most sincerely yours, A.

P.S.—I almost forgot to mention that some of my fellows mean to drop a few shells in your direction about 5 p.m. to-day. Would that hour suit you? I do hope the noise will not disturb you, but you will understand that I am bound to give my men a little occupation now and then.

(Reply).

MY DEAR A.,—Our best thanks for the ostriches, safely to hand. Thanks also for your kind enquiries; all of us are in the best of health. Would you think me very rude if I asked you to put the shelling an hour earlier? The fact is, that five o'clock is our tea-time, so that we might miss seeing your performance, which would be a real pity. There's nothing we enjoy so much as to watch your guns ploughing up the earth half-a-mile or more away—it's as good as a play, and simply convulses us all with laughter. So do begin a bit earlier, and oblige, yours very sincerely, B.

P.S.—Some of my chaps complain that they're getting a bit bored here. So, just to humour them, we shall make a little sortie to-night, if you've no objection. Unless I hear

from you before then, you may expect us about ten o'clock.

II.

From General A. to General B.

DEAR SIR,—As you are aware, I have carried on this siege with the utmost regard to etiquette, and so far my courtesy has been reciprocated. The fact increases my regret at the grave breach of this principle which was committed by your force in last night's attack. In a word, Sir, some of the ruffians under your command actually employed the bayonet, with the result that no less than five of my men were severely injured! I cling to the belief that this outrage was committed without your cognisance; but none the less you must be held in some degree responsible. My Government, at my request, is telegraphing a formal complaint to each of the European Powers. And I must insist on a full and immediate apology from yourself. Yours faithfully, A.

P.S.—It would simplify matters if you would surrender at once.

(Reply).

SIR,—If your fellows choose to get in front of my men's bayonets, they must take the consequences.

Yours truly, B.

P.S.—Why don't you all run away at once. You'll have to, sooner or later.

III.

General A. begs to inform General B. that, in spite of his protest, another outrage was committed yesterday by General B.'s force. A shell was fired by them which actually burst. None of the ammunition employed by General A. behaves in this way. The time for apologies is past, and General A. must now insist on a prompt and unconditional surrender.

(Reply).

Go to blazes.

(At this point the correspondence terminates.)

A.C.D.

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*Signallers at Cannon Kopje.*—While doing duty at Cannon Kopje No. 54, Signaller I. Flaherty, Prot. Regt., and No. 57, Signaller C. Hall, Bechd. Rifles, are attached to the B.S.A.P. for discipline and field accommodation.

*Horses: Out Rations.*—With reference to General Order No. 6, of 12th March, 1900, no further Out issue will be made, for the present, for horses. The horses lately fed up are to be kept up as far as possible by an issue of Cut Grass at night. O.C.'s are authorised to employ natives to cut grass at the rate of 9d. per horse of those authorised to be fed.

As more horses will shortly be required for food, O.C. Corps are requested to state how many horses they desire to cast as unlikely to be fit for further service.

*Horses: Contagious Diseases.*—As certain contagious diseases of the horse are transmissible to man, all horses killed for human food must be inspected by Veterinary Lieut. W. D. Smith, A.V.D., Protectorate Regt., and must be certified by that officer as "fit for consumption" before being issued to the Soup Kitchen.

*Copying Orders.*—General Order No. 5, of the 5th inst., will be in abeyance for the present, a further supply of paper having been obtained.

By order,

E. H. CECIL, Major,  
Chief Staff Officer.

## NOTICE.

### Donkeys Brought in.

FIFTEEN Donkeys have been brought in to-day by Colonial Contingent which may belong to people in town, but have strayed towards the enemy's lines.

Claimants must produce satisfactory proof of ownership to Captain Ryan, D.A.A.G.(b), before 12 (noon) on Wednesday next, otherwise, notice is hereby given, that any animals, the claims to which are not thus substantiated, will be slaughtered for soup kitchen purposes.

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No. 114

Tuesday, April 10th, 1900.

180th Day of Siege

### THE Mafeking Mail.

TUESDAY, 10th APRIL, 1900.

#### NATIVES SAY:

Some Baralongs report coming across a party of thirty Bahutshes, who attacked them; the Baralongs (eighteen) say they defeated them and next struck ten mounted Boers, of whom they killed eight. In the two fights they lost ten, four were wounded and are now in Colonel Plumer's hospital; the other four arrived here sound.

Motseoakhumo, at Pitsani, is still in league with the Boers.

Two messengers returned from the moon yesterday morning and report, while looking down in a direction North of Brandford, they saw a strong force of Boers, surrounded by the British, and that was the only body of Boers to be seen fighting in the South.

A second-sight medium has been thrown into a trance and her sensations directed this side of Vryburg to find where the relief column is; probably she will emerge from her trance during the night and tell us all about it.

By heliograph subterraneous communication we learn that some Boers who were South have gone back to the Transvaal, others have joined Snyman and intend giving us "another thorough shaking the next few days."—"Another," Eh! What was the data of the first?

Some folks say young Cronje escaped, others say the troops caught him.

Some native women were captured by the Boers last Friday and taken to the laager. On Saturday morning they saw two buck wagons come in. They were sent away, and the native sent to guide them out of the laager said "the wagon was full of dead Boers."

Two Bechuannas, who said they had deserted the Boers and knew where some fat cattle could be found, persuaded a party of 31 Fingoes to place themselves under their guidance to capture beef. They left here on Thursday last, at daybreak they were close to Malmuani, the romancing guides had disappeared, and the Fingoes found themselves surrounded by Boers, who had Natives with them. Firing was opened by the Boers and the Maxim and 1-pound Maxim were turned on, with volleys of musketry. About half got through, but the only survivor who returned does not know what became of them. He escaped by hiding in a tree till night. While there he heard Boer women, in the row of flat houses along the Molopo, bemoaning the dead. He knew of six Boers and nine natives being killed, but believes there were more. The Maxim returned to the laager here about 4 o'clock on Friday afternoon but went back early on Saturday, and firing again commenced at sunrise and lasted till the middle of the morning.

**FRIEND & CO.,**  
General Ironmongers and Furnishers  
**Market Square.**

Store open daily from 7 to 8 a.m.  
and 3 to 5 p.m.

The following is the official list of those wounded in Col. Plumer's reconnaissance at Ramathlabana and now in Hospital at the Boer laager:

Captain Kenneth McLaren, 13th Hussars.

Captain Frederick Crewe, of Crewe's Scouts. Since Dead.

Duncan Robertson, Crewe's Scouts. Since Dead.

George Wilwin, "B" Squadron.

Michael Joseph Murray, "E" Troop, B.S.A.P. Div. 2.

John Bentley, "C" Squadron.

James Pigot Shuckburgh, "A" Squadron.

Alfred A. Baldwii, "E" Squadron.

Harry Bridge, "B" Squadron.

Also the following were taken prisoners of war:—

Cecil Granville, Staff Armourer.

J. H. Turleton, "B" Sqdn.

John Scott, "C" "

Henry Riley, "A" "

William Budd "C" "

#### MEMS.

Look out for particulars of Platauau's Gigantic Siege Lottery, to take place shortly.

Mrs. Howat, wife of our Postmaster, was this morning safely delivered of a daughter. Both doing well.

Lieut. Smitherman, of the Rhodesian Regiment, who arrived last Tuesday, is a fine specimen of South African produce from young transplants. Born at Witney, Oxon,



the native town of Messrs Early, he came out under some kind of agreement or apprenticeship to those gentlemen, when he was fourteen years of age; at the expiration of his service, then not eighteen, he joined some other adventurous spirits on a hunting expedition into the interior. During the Matabele war he did good service as scout, and at its close made a journey home. While there, he made arrangements which resulted in his coming out again in the dual capacity as pioneer or guide to a party of wealthy sportsmen and the representative of the interests of certain Gold Mining Companies. At the outbreak of present hostilities, it stands to reason, young Smitherman was speedily on the strength of the nearest force. Tall, wiry and athletic, with the appearance of great latent power, he looks every inch the hunter and scout.

## FRANCE'S URGENT DEMANDS

From "Times," January 26th 1900 :—

1. Settlement of Madagascar question.
2. Settlement of Newfoundland question.
3. Freedom to agree with Sultan of Morocco without being hampered by any third party.
4. Neutrality of the Mehinam Valley (in Siam) to avoid cause of constant quarrels.
5. Independence of Egypt, giving all Europe access to her territory, which should belong to nobody but herself.
6. New Hebrides, essential to the maintenance of France's New Caledonia possessions.

## MAFEKING GARRISON.

### GENERAL ORDERS

By Colonel R. S. S. Baden-Powell,  
Commanding Frontier Force.

MAFEKING, 10TH APRIL, 1900.

Court of Summary Jurisdiction.—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet on Wednesday, 11th April, at the Court House, at 10-15 a.m., for the examination of such prisoners as may be brought before it. Presi-

dent: Lieut-Colonel C. B. Vyvyan. Member: Major F. W. Panzera.

*Horses: Oat Rations.*—With reference to General Order No. 3, of yesterday's date, it should be noted that the issue of Oat Bran as well as Whole Oats is stopped. The words "per diem" should be added after the words "9d. per horse."

*Donkeys brought in.*—Fifteen Donkeys have been brought in to-day by Colonial Contingent which may belong to people in town, but have strayed towards the enemy's lines.

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*Photograph.*—Old N.C.O.'s and men of the C.M.R. and F.A.M.P. are desirous of being photographed together. It is notified, therefore, that a group will be taken at 7-30 a.m. next Sunday. Any late members of these Corps should communicate with Sergt. White, late C.M.R., Protectorate Regiment.

By order,  
E. H. CECIL, Major,  
Chief Staff Officer.

## MR. ALF. HELLAWELL.

OUR WAR CORRESPONDENT  
AT MAFEKING.

HIS EXCITING ESCAPE AND  
SUBSEQUENT CAPTURE.

(From the Cape Times.)

One of the prisoners recently released from Pretoria states that while there he met Mr. A. Hellawell, the Special Correspondent of the *Cape Times* and *Daily Mail*, whose rapid ride to Kuruman with the graphic account of the first British victory at Mafeking in October last, will be remembered by all our readers. Mr. Hellawell returned at once to Mafeking, and sent us various despatches until the close siege of the plucky little town made it impossible to get anyone to "run the gauntlet." As time was passing by, and the anxiety of the world at large to hear something of Mafeking was only equalled by the desire of Mafeking to learn something of the world at large, Mr. Hellawell determined to make the effort himself to get through the Boer lines.

In this gallant effort he was successful, but was unfortu-

nately captured before he reached Kuruman, for which place he was aiming. As a matter of fact, although not known in the North, Kuruman was itself closely surrounded by the Boers, at this date, and our correspondent would have had to cover something like 350 miles of country—from Mafeking via Kuruman district, in a round-about way to Hope Town—before he could have been in touch with the telegraph wire.

### GETTING OUT.

It appears that the authorities refused permission to our correspondent to leave the town, it being considered too dangerous an enterprise to be sanctioned. However, towards the middle of November he determined to risk it, and taking two horses and a pony, and accompanied by his Cape boy "Mackenzie," he left the town at night, and, under cover of darkness, travelled cautiously north-east, and then southwards, through the Boers without detection. When day broke, however, he was discovered by a strong patrol of the enemy, who immediately opened fire in full strength.

To be continued in to-morrow's Slip.

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WEDNESDAY, 11TH APRIL, 1900.

#### MEMS.

According to the *Cape Times* 240 wagons and 2,400 mules are required to convey two days' supplies for a division.

The same article, Jan. 24, says: "How utterly unprepared we were is evident from an article in *The Times* upon the question of transport difficulties at the front. It is all very well to send out division after division, and to perform feats in mobilisation of Army Corps which are declared to be an object-lesson to the world; but unless the army on its arrival in South Africa is provided with the means of moving independently."

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By Colonel R. S. S. Baden-Powell,  
Commanding Frontier Force.

MAFEKING, 11TH APRIL, 1900.

*Court of Summary Jurisdiction.*—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet on Thursday, the 12th April, at the Court House, at 10-15 a.m., for the examination of such prisoners as may be brought before it. President: H. H. Maj. Gould-Adams, C.B., C.M.G. Member: Lieut.-Col. C. O. Hore.

*Appointments.*—Lieut. McKenzie, B.T.O. to be extra A.D.C. to the Colonel Commanding.

J. H. Elmes, Esq., M.E.R., C.S. to be Assistant Surgeon, Victoria Hospital, with pay at the rate of 30s per diem from the 10th inst. inclusive.

*Pay.*—Increase of—Sergeant F. Pitt, in charge of the Guard, Isaac's

Yard, to receive increase of pay at the rate of 2/6 per diem, to date from the 12th February, inclusive.

*Rations.*—From to-morrow inclusive "Sovens" will be issued free as part of the ration to the troops in proportion to one quart per man. It may be found necessary to reduce the bread ration from 8 oz. to 6 oz., and the Sovens is intended to compensate for that reduction.

By order,  
E. H. CECIL, Major,  
Chief Staff Officer.

#### LIST OF WINNERS.

##### LAST SUNDAY'S SPORTS.

##### 1—100 YARDS FLAT HANDICAP:

1st, McLoughlin  
2nd, Carr

##### 2—SACK RACE (CADET CORPS):

1st, Gower  
2nd, Wolhuter  
3rd, Harry

##### 3—QUARTER-MILE FLAT RACE.

1st, Low  
2nd, Crosskill

##### 4—THREE-LEGGED RACE:

1st, Swart  
2nd, Newton

##### 5—HORSE AND MAN RACE:

1st, Crosskill  
2nd, Kennedy

##### 6—BICYCLE THREAD THE NEEDLE RACE:

1st, Mitchell  
2nd Lieut. McKenzie  
3rd, Moss

##### 7—LLOYD LINDSAY:

1st, Bechuanaland Rifles  
2nd, Cape Police, D. 2

##### 8—WRESTLING ON HORSEBACK:

1st, Cape Police, D. 2  
2nd, Protectorate Regiment

##### 9—100 YARDS FLAT (CADET CORPS):

1st, Stenson  
2nd, Gower  
3rd, Rowles

##### 10—BOLSTER FIGHT ON POLE:

1st, Rosenfield  
2nd, Kennedy

#### UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF

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and Officers of the Garrison,

#### A GYMKHANA MEETING

Organised by Capt. E. W. Cowan and  
Officers of the Bechuanaland Rifles.

WILL BE HELD ON

Sunday, April 15, 1900,

ON THE

RECREATION GROUND,

AT 2-30 P.M.

JUDGES:—Col. Hore, Major Godley,  
Col. Walford, Insp. Browne.

REFEREE:—C. G. H. Bell, Esq., C.C.  
and R.M.

STARTER:—Capt. E. W. Cowan.

HANDICAPPER: Capt. Scholefield.

*Miss Hill has kindly consented to  
give away the Prizes.*

#### PROGRAMME:

1—BICYCLE RACE: 1 Mile Handicap (open). 1st prize; 2nd prize (Sports Fund).

2—440 YARDS FLAT RACE: Open Handicap. 1st prize; 2nd prize (Sports Fund).

3—MOUNTED OBSTACLE RACE. 1st prize; 2nd prize (Sports Fund).

4—WATER BUCKET RACE (Sports Fund).

5—MOUNTED FANCY DRESS RACE. 1st prize given to first in; 2nd prize given to lady who dresses gentleman in most unique costume. (Presented by Officers Bechuanaland Rifles).

6—COCK FIGHTING: in sections. Open to Prot. Regt., B.S.A.P., C.P., Bechd. Rifles Railway Division, Town Guard. 1st prize (Sports Fund).

7—"ARE YOU THERE." 1st prize (Sports Fund).

8—BOLSTER FIGHT. Open to Colonial Contingent, Black Watch, Abram's Scouts, Webster's Fingoes, Rowland's Langer Boys. 1st prize; 2nd prize; 3rd prize (Sports Fund).

9—DONKEY RACE. Open to members of Cadet Corps. Riders to be in full uniform. (Presented by Officers Bechd. Rifles).

## CORRESPONDENCE.

"Aution."—No! you are scarcely correct in referring to natives who subsist on canines, as "dog fanciers." It would be certainly more adroit to say, "those who are undergoing a course of bark."

(From the Cape Times.)

### MR. ALF. HELLAWELL.

OUR WAR CORRESPONDENT  
AT MAFEKING.

HIS EXCITING ESCAPE AND  
SUBSEQUENT CAPTURE.

*Continued from yesterday's Slip.*

There was nothing for it now but to try the horses, and off they went at full gallop, the Boers following pell-mell, in a straight line across the veldt. At the start it was touch-and-go whether or not the pursuers would get near enough to stop the hunt summarily, but the superior mettle of our correspondent's horse soon began to show itself and he gradually out-distanced the Boers. The race, however, lasted a good time, and Hellawell estimates that he kept up the gallop for about 15 miles before it was safe to draw rein. The horses were then suffering considerably, and, equally as bad, he had lost the knowledge of his exact locality, and only knew for certain that he was in the Transvaal, and had to make a big turn before striking any place in Bechuanaland which would enable him to decide on the right direction. After an "off-saddle" in a sequestered spot in the veldt, he travelled slowly across the open country, fortunately without meeting any more Boers. One of the horses, however, was now lame, and the others tired, and it was necessary to avoid every house they might see, as it was practically certain to be the abode of an enemy.

CAPTURED.

The locality of Maribogo was reached and recognised, and aided by a heavy storm, which refreshed the horses, the party went cautiously on

towards Vryburg, travelling mostly in the night. A farmer's dwelling was stumbled on so unexpectedly here that our correspondent was observed, and seeing there was no help for it, he went to the house and was received with apparent kindness. While he and his horses were resting there, however, the farmer's wife despatched her boy on horseback—nominally to "look for the cattle," but in reality to rouse the country ahead. Mr Hellawell eluded everyone, nevertheless, until passing to the west of Vryburg, when two Boers galloped up from behind and two more in front, and as our party were off-saddled at the time there was nothing to do but surrender. Mr. Hellawell's reports were rolled up in small packets, and he threw these into the veldt unobserved, only one packet being found.

**MR. TOWNSHEND,**  
OF THE "BECHUANALAND NEWS,"  
Prisoner with the Boers  
He was taken to the Vryburg laager, examined by Field-cornet Visser, and then sent to the Court-house and confined in the lock-up, in a cell which had been vacated only the same morning by some coloured offenders, and which was furnished solely with a plank bed and some rags of clothing which the former tenants had abandoned there.

IN VRYBURG GAOL.

Next day he was allowed to come into the yard, and after a couple more nights in the cell, now provided with good bedding, was moved to a barred room formerly occupied by the Registrar of Deeds, and now used by some of the Transvaal Police. He was treated kindly and was allowed to walk in the spacious yard, where was already promenading another pressman—Mr. P. Townshend, of the "Bechuanaland News," who had been arrested some days before for printing the proclamation cautioning Her Majesty's subjects of the penalties they would incur if they joined the enemy.

*Will be continued in to-morrow's Slip*

## NEWSPAPERS

AT THE

### COURT ROOM.

ATTENTION is called to the regulation for the hour from 2 till 3 being reserved for

### LADIES ONLY.

Officers 11-30 to 2; N.C.O.'s  
and men 3 to 6 p.m.

### NOTICE.

THE Standard Bank will not be open for business on Sundays.

The Garrison Deposit Bank will be open on Sunday mornings as usual from 9.30 to 12.

H. GREENER, Capt.

Chief Paymaster.

Maifeking, 10 April, 1900.

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THURSDAY, 12TH APRIL, 1900.

#### SIX MONTHS' SIEGE.

Half a year's beleaguement was not precisely what we anticipated when that "measure of folly," the historic ultimatum, was issued by Oom Paul; of the swollen head. Nor do we suppose that Cronje had the faintest idea of the task before him when, undertaking command on this border, he arranged for our town to be the base of his operations; our forage to feed his horses; and our whisky to give his ragged rascals courage. In fact everything connected with the siege, that our limited range permitted to be visible, was a succession of surprises. The opening attack, after being watched for during a month, was, at the last, in its suddenness, a surprise. The first fight was a surprise—especially the result of it; and our complete isolation for so many weeks was a surprise, as well as an eye-opener to many, not only civilians; while certainly not one of the least surprises, was the discovery of such enormous stores of foodstuffs. Nobody, not even excepting the defence authorities themselves, we feel sure, suspected the extent of stores subsequently brought to light. Fortunately for us they existed, and now, at the end of six months, it is a surprise to find that we have pulled through without any severe deprivation, and have still enough to last another half dozen weeks, if necessary, which God and B.P. forbid.

#### MEMS.

Yesterday afternoon the playful Boers thought they would have some fun, as an offset to their exertions of the morning, so they started ring and peg, hop-scotch, and other sylvan amusements. To increase their enjoyment three rounds from our Hotchkiss dropped right amongst them. The Boers tumbled over one another in their eagerness to take cover and not a head was visible again that evening. We sent them three pounds of metal, they returned three hundred pounds, dropping it fortunately, in the veld.

**WARNING.**—To-morrow, Good Friday, hawkers of Hot Cross Buns will not be allowed to ring bells to announce their wares.

Mr. H. A. Bradley, writing from Gwelo to his brother here, under date of March 30th, winds up his letter thus:—"Remember me to all friends and tell them that we are anxiously awaiting to hear of the relief of Mafeking, as Methuen is expected to relieve you at any moment now. I have got a large flag staff erected awaiting the news of your relief, when I mean to celebrate the occasion with a banquet, and only wish I could do the same in Mafeking."

Simultaneous demonstrations throughout the whole of South Africa in favour of annexation of the two Republics are being held. Sir Gordon Sprigg, as chairman of the Vigilance Committee, at Cape Town, has written to the Mayors inviting their co-operation in securing the incorporation of the two Republics with the British Empire.

#### THE QUEEN'S PERSONAL MESSAGE TO THE COLONEL.

The following wire has been received by the Colonel Commanding from Her Majesty the Queen:—

V.R.I. Col. Baden-Powell.

London, 1st April.—I continue watching with confidence and admiration the patient and resolute defence which is so gallantly maintained under your ever resourceful command.

Capetown, March 23rd.—An influential meeting of clergymen, convened by the Mayor of Capetown, was held in the Town House. It was decided by the meeting to hold simultaneous thanksgiving services on receipt of the news of the relief of Mafeking.

London, March 23.—In the House of Commons Mr. A. J. Balfour said that the initiative of the providing of Mafeking with stores and provisions were due to Lord Edward Cecil and not to Messrs. Weil.

Replying to a suggestion to present Colonel Baden-Powell with some mark of gratitude and esteem from the people of Matabeleland, the *Bulawayo Chronicle* says: "We are but dimly aware what we owe to the gallant defence of Mafeking."

Capetown, March 27.—All the Peninsular papers are full of schemes for the celebration of the relief of Mafeking and the elaboration of the many programmes will make the affair one before which the rejoicing on the relief of Ladysmith will be comparatively insignificant.

# MAFEKING GARRISON.

## GENERAL ORDERS

By Colonel R. S. S. Baden-Powell,  
Commanding Frontier Force.

MAFEKING, 12TH APRIL, 1900.

The enemy, after shelling the place heavily yesterday, made an advance against Fort Ahrams, evidently supposing that the garrisons had evacuated it under the shell fire to which it had been subjected. But the defenders—under Corpl. Webb, C.P. D. 2.—had stuck to their post, and reserving their fire till the enemy came within range, they then put in some telling volleys, which knocked over five Boers. The remainder then retired. The steadiness of the garrisons of the S.W. forts during their heavy shelling is to be highly commended, and especially their reserving their fire till the enemy gave a good target within effective range.

**Court of Summary Jurisdiction.**—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet on Friday, the 13th April, at the Court House, at 10-15 a.m., for the examination of such prisoners as may be brought before it. President: Lord Edward Cecil, D.S.O.; Member: C. G. H. Bell Esq., C.C. & R.M.

**Passes through Outposts.**—No one is authorized to sign passes for persons to proceed beyond the outpost lines except the C.S.O. or Mr. Bull, or for natives belonging to the Stadt—Lokoko. All passes must be taken from persons authorized to pass through the lines before they are allowed to proceed by the outposts.

**Imperial N.C.O.'s Frontier Force.** General Order No. 6, of the 27th Jan., 1900, is hereby cancelled and the following substituted:—

In view of the expenses to which the Imperial N.C.O.'s attached to the Frontier Forces have subjected during the campaign, the Colonel Commanding authorizes the grant of an allowance of 2/6 per diem to each N.O.O. from the 13th October, 1899, inclusive.

It is to be clearly understood that this allowance is in no sense pay, nor is it in lieu of pay, but is hereby granted for the causes stated above.

**Pay.**—Mr. J. Turnbull, Assistant Issuer, Victoria Hospital, is granted pay at the rate of 7/6 per diem to date from the 16th March, 1900, inclusive.

Mr. Mahony, Issuer, Victoria Hospital, is granted an increase on present rate of pay of 2/6 per diem from the 18th January, 1900, inclusive.

**Extra Duty Pay.**—Extra Duty Pay at the rate of 1/- per diem to each N.C.O. and man of the Colonial Contingent has been authorized from the date following that on which the payment of sniping pay ceased.

By order,  
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(From the Cape Times.)

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The two brothers of the pen were well looked after during their stay in Vryburg, which lasted until 27th November. They had their own meals sent in by friends, as well as books and tobacco, and the police were considerate, as was also Mr. Ashford, the Justice of the Peace, representing the Boers. The treatment appeared especially good when contrasted with what they received on arrival at Pretoria.

Early on Monday, the 27th, they started in a cart, guarded by two policemen, for Pretoria, the boy "Mackenzie" following behind on a hired horse, Hellawell's horse being kept by the Boers. There was nothing against Mackenzie, who was informed he could have his liberty, but he preferred to stick to his "baas," and is now in Pretoria gaol.

IN PRETORIA.

The journey was to Klerksdorp by cart—three days—thence by rail to Pretoria, and was uneventful. On arrival at the capital the natives were thrown into the common prison, receiving the treatment of untried criminals—just like convicts, in fact, except that they had no work to do, did not wear prison clothes, and did not have such good food as the convicts. After about two weeks our correspondent was, in response to a letter to the State Attorney removed from the prison, where he had become very popular with the other inmates, and is now with the military prisoners at the race course, where the treatment is good, and where he is in the best of health, and in as good spirits as can be expected in one who, as his Cape friends well know, finds his keenest enjoyment in liberty and open-air sport.

## Ex-Naval's Photograph.

It is proposed to take a photograph of all the ex-Naval officers and men in the garrison.

Those wishing to be included should send their names to Mr. Moore, Commercial Hotel, who will let them know time and place.

## THE C.M.R. PHOTO

On Sunday morning next will be taken at 7-30, at Railway Machine Shops.

GEO. S. WHITE,  
Sergt. Prot. Regt.

## NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that no further orders of any description will be issued on Mr. Weil.

C. M. RYAN, Capt.,  
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FRIDAY, 13TH APRIL, 1900.

#### MEMS.

Mr. Julius Weil, in a letter to Mr. Bradley at Gwelo, on 17th February, after stating that the children of Mrs. Bradley, Mrs. Winter, and Mrs. Riesle are well, sends his regards to all friends in Mafeking.

Mr. James Watt, for some time postmaster at Bulawayo, lately farming and trading, was found dead on March 24th, in his wagon, not far from Bulawayo.

From a criticism in the *Cape Times* on Col. Baden-Powell's book, we cut: "Scouting is like a game of football," the author concludes "You are selected as a forward player. Play the game. Play that your side may win. Don't think of your own glorification or your own risks. Your side are backing you up. Play up and make the best of every chance you get. Football is a good game, but better than it, better than any other game, is that of man-hunting, but, like all other games, it is no use your going in for it with out previous training, and I hope that what I have said above may be of some use in helping you to take a distinguished part in the best sport in the world, namely: Scouting."

On April 12th a telegram was received from Lord Roberts to the effect that the Mafeking relief column is

coming on as quickly as possible.

The supplementary Army Estimates which have been presented to the Imperial Parliament provided for 120,000 more men, and an additional sum of £13,000,000. The Revised Army Estimates for the financial year requires a total number of men of 339,952; and a total expenditure of £13,617,200.

The Mansion House War Fund amounted on Wednesday, Feb. 14th, to £692,400, exclusive of £20,000 cabled from Victoria.

A deal of our time is occupied in dodging 94-pounders, but Mr. Cronwright Schreiner, according to a contemporary, spends a considerable portion of his time in dodging brickbats in England, where he has been bro-Boer stamping.

#### THE DEVIL'S OWN.

It is proposed to have a photograph taken of members and ex-members of this ancient Corps. All such are requested to communicate with "X," office of this paper.

#### KIMBERLEY TO OUR RESCUE.

March 7th.—At a meeting of the Kimberley Town Council the Mayor, in course of a speech, said: "The people of Kimberley, and of the Colony generally, feeling that the time had arrived when some strenuous effort should be made to relieve that heroic and plucky garrison. Up to the present it appeared that nothing had been done, the authorities were now trying to raise a force in Kimberley

to assist in the relief, and he trusted there would be a very hearty and numerous response. He felt that there should be no delay, and that should Mafeking fall, it would be a disgrace to England as a nation."—"If at an early date he thought it necessary to call a public meeting, to urge this matter upon the military authorities, he would do so."

Councillor Cranswick moved "that the military authorities be urged to despatch a force for the relief of Mafeking at the earliest possible moment, as after its exceedingly able defence, it is felt that it would be viewed as a national disaster if the town were allowed to fall in the hands of the enemy"—Not only throughout the whole of Cape Colony and Natal, but in every British possession throughout the world the relief of Mafeking would be viewed with great delight. He added that they would probably have moved in this matter before, but it was thought that Mafeking had been relieved on January 22nd by Colonel Plumer from the North." [Which, from recent information, we can assert was not correct.—Ed. M. M.]

#### SNYMAN SOLD.

At sunrise, on March 17th, Snyman started shelling Lobatsi and continued doing so throughout the day, but he did not know there was nobody there, Col. Plumer having withdrawn his force into Bathoen's country overnight.



# MAFEKING GARRISON

## GENERAL ORDERS

By Colonel R. S. S. Baden-Powell,  
Commanding Frontier Force.

MAFEKING, 13TH APRIL, 1900.

**Notice.**—(a) *Military Tournament.* By the kind permission of the Col. Commanding, it is proposed to hold a Military Tournament and Exhibition of Skill at Arms on Sunday week, the 22nd inst. Officers commanding Corps and Units are requested to nominate a representative Officer and N.C.O. from each Unit respectively, to form a General Committee. Also to send in a list of any appliances they may be able to furnish, such as spring bayonets, lances, single sticks, jackets, masks, etc. Both the above lists should be addressed to Major F. W. Panzera, D.A.A.G. (a), and should reach the Headquarter Office by to-morrow night.

(b) *B.B.P. Photograph.*—It having been arranged for a group of N.C.O.'s and men who served in the late B.B.P. to be taken at the Railway Buildings, at 8 a.m. on Sunday next, the 15th inst., C.O.'s Corps and Units are requested to send a list of those in their respective commands, who are desirous of being included, to Major Heworth, by 11 30 a.m. to-morrow.

**Relief Funds.—Committee.**—The following Committee will be formed to administer any funds which may be collected, for the assistance or relief of the inhabitants of Mafeking after the siege: The O.C. Troops, or an officer appointed by him; the Resident Commissioner; the Civil Commissioner; the Base Commandant; the Mayor; the O.C. Cape Police, D. 1, or his nominee; the O.C. Cape Police, D. 2, or his nominee; the Rev. Father Ogle; the Rev. W. H. Weekes; the nominee of the Wesleyan congregation; the Rev. J. M. Meyer, Dutch Reformed Church.

**Field General Court Martial.**—A Field General Court Martial, composed as under, will assemble on Monday next, the 16th inst., at such time and place as the President may appoint, for the trial of the prisoner named in the margin,\* and of such other prisoners as may be brought before it.

\* No. 317, Trooper C. Archer, "B" Squadron, Protectorate Regiment.

**PRESIDENT:** Capt. C. Fitzclarence, Protectorate Regiment.

**MEMBERS:** A Subaltern, Protectorate Regiment; a Subaltern, B.S.A.P.

The prisoner will be warned and witnesses directed to attend. Proceedings to be forwarded to the Chief Staff Officer.

**Court of Summary Jurisdiction.**—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet on Saturday, 14th April, at the Court House, at 10-15 a.m., for the examination of such pris-

oners as may be brought before it. President; Lord Edward Cecil, D.S.O.; Member: C. G. H. Bell Esq., C.C. & R.M.

**Assessment Committee.**—The Assessment Committee, under the Chairman, Mr. C. G. H. Bell, C.C. & R.M., will meet on Sunday, the 15th inst., at Dixon's Hotel at 10 a.m. Owners attending at the above place and hour will be informed about what time the Committee will arrive at their respective houses.

**Extra Duty Pay.**—With reference to General Order No. 5, of yesterday's date, the Extra Duty Pay therein mentioned is only to be paid to N.C.O.'s and men of the Colonial Contingent when on duty outside their own lines.

**Imperial N.C.O.'s and men.**—With reference to General Order No. 3, of yesterday's date, add the words: "and men" after N.C.O.'s.

**Increase of Pay.**—Trooper Abhatt, B.S.A.P., Assistant Gaoler, Mafeking, is hereby granted an increase on his present rate of pay, at the rate of 2/6 per diem, from the 17th October, 1899, inclusive.

**Wood: Purchase of.**—All purchase of wood privately, either in the town or Native Stadt or Locations, is hereby strictly prohibited.

By order,

E. H. CECIL, Major,

Chief Staff Officer.

## UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF

Colonel R. S. S. Baden-Powell  
and Officers of the Garrison,

## A GYMKHANA MEETING

Organized by Capt. B. W. Cowan and  
Officers of the Bechuanaland Rifles.

WILL BE HELD ON

Sunday, April 15th, 1900

ON THE

RECREATION GROUND,

AT 2-30 P.M.

**JUDGES:**—Col. Hore, Major Godley,  
Col. Walford, Insp. Browne.

**REFEREE:**—C. G. H. Bell, Esq., C.C.  
and R.M.

**STARTER:**—Capt. B. W. Cowan.

**HANDICAPPER:**—Capt. Scholefield.

Miss Hill has kindly consented to  
give away the prizes.

## PROGRAMME:

- 1—BICYCLE RACE; 1 Mile Handicap (open). 1st prize; 2nd prize (Sports Fund).
- 2—440 YARDS FLAT RACE; Open Handicap. 1st prize; 2nd prize (Sports Fund).
- 3—MOUNTED OBSTACLE RACE. 1st prize; 2nd prize (Sports Fund).

4—WATER BUCKET RACE (Sports Fund).

5—MOUNTED FANCY DRESS RACE. 1st prize given to first in; 2nd prize given to lady who dresses gentleman in most unique costume. (Presented by Officers Bechuanaland Rifles).

6—COCK FIGHTING; in sections. Open to Prot. Regt., B.S.A.P., C.P., Bechd. Rifles, Railway Division, Town Guard. 1st prize (Sports Fund).

7—"ARE YOU THERE." 1st prize (Sports Fund).

8—BOLSTER FIGHT. Open to Black Watch, Abram's Scouts, Webster's Fingoes, & Rowland's Laager Boys. 1st prize; 2nd prize; 3rd prize (Sports Fund).

9—DONKEY RACE. Open to members of Cadet Corps. Riders to be in full uniform. Presented by Officers Bechd. Rifles).

10—300 YARDS FLAT RACE for Colonial Contingent.

N.B.—By a printer's error the description for item 8 in the previous announcement, was incorrect.

## ASSESSMENT OF PROPERTY.

List of names of owners whose property will be assessed on Sunday next, 15th April:—

|         |                        |
|---------|------------------------|
| Erf 110 | T. G. Stenson          |
| " 111   | F. Firth               |
| " 114   | F. Goddard             |
| " 121   |                        |
| " 37    | M. E. O. Brooks        |
| " 5     | G. C. Luyt             |
| " 99    | J.D. Logan & Co., Ltd. |
| " 60    | Goolam Ally            |
| " 49    | E. C. Wright           |
| " 49    | A. W. Fincham          |
| " 48    | E. C. Wright           |

## Auction Notice.

**A**NOTHER Big Sale on  
Sunday next, commencing  
at 9-30 a.m.

## Roll Up for Bargains!

**Aldred & Ross,**

Auctioneers and Sworn  
Appraisers.

**Blankets & Rugs** (Several  
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No. 118

Saturday, April 14th, 1900.

184th Day of Siege

### THE Mafeking Mail.

SATURDAY, 14TH APRIL, 1900.

#### LATEST NEWS.

By the courtesy of the Colonel Commanding we are enabled to print the following:—

The party of Baralongs who had gone out to bring in cattle for us from Col. Plumer, tried last night to get in to Mafeking. They were informed by some native women on the way that hostile native spies knew of their coming, and had warned the Boers. Nevertheless they hoped to rush the cattle through.

The Boers, with a number of Rietfontein natives, appear to have lain in wait for them, in two parties, near the bush beyond Game Tree. They allowed the cattle to come well in between them, and then opened a heavy fire. To this the Baralongs replied with great spirit, while our troops made a diversion on both flanks of the Boers. When the Baralongs had expended all their ammunition they had to take to flight, leaving most of the cattle shot down on the ground—only about 15 head being left alive. The Boers got two of the wounded Baralongs; one they shot, and they are said to have cut the throat of the other. The remainder of the party got into Mafeking all right; three of them being wounded.

This loss of the cattle does not seriously affect our position here, though it may involve our taking to *Cheval* (the polite name for horse beef) a week or two sooner

than we otherwise should. But that will not be for two months yet,—unless people clamour to have it sooner.

#### MEMS.

**FOODSTUFFS.**—Carpenters and others are requested to declare what stock of Sawdust or Shavings they have, without delay.—By order, X.Z.Y Q. (c).

A fight is reported to have taken place at Brandfort, about 35 miles North of Bloemfontein. Boers admit 113 casualties.

President Kruger has annexed the Free State to the Transvaal by Proclamation.

A wire from London says: "That the publication of the correspondence between Schriener and the Mayor of Kimberley has engendered a feeling of resentment throughout the country against the former. The mildest view possible to take of Mr. Schriener's attitude with regard to preparations for the defence of Kimberley, is that he showed an extraordinary look of prescience."

In a stable at Kroonstad the Free State Government have a printing plant, from which its proclamations are issued.

Messrs. D. J. Marcuson & Co., announce their intention of giving twenty of their "South African Unity" silver chains to the first soldiers who enter Mafeking and Pretoria, half to each.—*Cape Times*.

At Ladysmith when traders stuck on too heavily, the price for any scarce commodity, the authorities commandeered it and served it out at something reasonable.

Horse flesh sausages were deemed a luxury when no more holes could be taken up in belts.

#### RELIEF OF MAFEKING.

PLEA FOR CELEBRATION.

ON COMPREHENSIVE SCALE

(From the Bulawayo Chronicle).

A correspondent writes: It is to be hoped that on the day that will be set apart for rejoicing on account of the relief of Mafeking—which we trust is not far distant—that the arrangements for whatever means is adopted for giving expression to the feeling of the people will be made on the larger idea of an expression of the general rejoicing of all people in Matabeleland, for it is not only Bulawayo that has reason to thank the gallant defenders of Mafeking for immunity from attack owing to so large a number of the Boers being "contained" around the little town, but the whole population of Matabeleland is indebted to the plucky garrison for the bravery and stubbornness exhibited in the continual repulses of the investing force. Many a man residing in outside districts will be unable to participate in any public form of rejoicing, although doubtless a great deal will be done at Gwelo, Selukwe, and others of the mining centres. Let our efforts

therefore be directed to attempt to voice the people of Matabeleland and let those in whose hands the arrangements have been left, ask His Honour the Administrator of Matabeleland, to take the leading part in whatever of a public nature may be proposed; if a public meeting be thought of, all who have ever heard Captain Lawley's polished oratory, will agree that apart from his official position he is particularly fitted for the office of chairman, and if a concert is inaugurated, the support of the Administrator should be secured. Matabeleland must have means given her for showing to the world her appreciation of the historic defence made by the brave citizens and soldiers of the little border town, the celebrations therefore, should be organized firstly as those of Matabeleland, and secondly as those of the citizens of Bulawayo

## NEWSPAPERS.

A batch of newspapers have been received to-day, and will be on view at the Court House to-morrow, from 8 a.m.

## MAFEKING GARRISON.

### GENERAL ORDERS

By Colonel R. S. S. Baden-Powell,  
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MAFEKING, 14TH APRIL, 1900.

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*Visiting Justice.*—The Visiting Justice to the Mafeking Gaol for the ensuing week will be Major Lord Edward Cecil, D.S.O.

*Local Defence Accounts.*—No charges against the Imperial Local Defence Account will be recognised unless supported by the signatures of heads of departments or persons duly authorized by them as follows:

Chief Staff Officer—Lord Edward Cecil.

D.A.A.G. (b)—Captain Ryan.

C.R.A.—Major Panzera.

Base Commandant and Commanding Engineer—Lieut.-Colonel Vyryan.

Town Commandant—H. H. Major Gould-Adams, C.B., C.M.G.

P.M.O.—Dr. W. Hayes.

Brigade Transport Officer—Lieut. Mackenzie.

Women's Lager—F. W. Whiteley, Esquire.

Separate accounts must be rendered for each of the above departments.

*Soven Kitchens.*—Free issues will be made at all kitchens between the hours of 7-30 a.m. and 9 a.m. daily. Cash sales will be made within the hours of 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. daily. Inspector Myers can be seen and will issue free tickets to such persons as may be entitled to them at 8-30 a.m. daily at the Office, Lippman's Yard.

*Bread Rations.*—With reference to General Order No. 4, of the 11th April, 1900 the Bread or Biscuit Ration will be 6 oz. per diem.

*Wood Supply.*—Owing to the scarcity of fire wood it has been found necessary to obtain wood by topping the trees in Mafeking and the Stadt. The work has been entrusted to Mr. Tarleton, who understands forestry, who will so cut the trees that they will benefit rather than be harmed by the topping. In the case of its being found necessary to top trees, the private property of inhabitants, notice will be given and a fair compensation will be paid.

By order,

E. H. CECIL, Major,  
Chief Staff Officer.

## NOTICE.

IN view of the necessity of providing an adequate supply of milk to the patients in the Hospital, especially those who are suffering from dysentery and fever, of which there are a considerable number at present, and for the women and children in Mafeking, a need which will probably grow greater as other food-stuffs diminish, the Colonel Commanding thinks it is necessary to regulate the sale of milk in the Garrison. Any milk in excess of the amount necessary for the above purposes will be sold to the inhabitants at cost price.

He has therefore approved of the following regulation:—

1. From and including Sunday, the 15th instant, all milk whatsoever obtained from milch cows will be delivered to the Government Grocery Store (Bulawayo Road, opposite the Railway Station, c/o Mr. Hillam.

2. Delivery should be made twice daily, milk to be in bottles, each bottle bearing a label showing clearly the name of the owner.

3. Payment will be made by the Imperial Authorities at such rates and times as may be hereinafter arranged.

4. All persons owning milch cows are requested to communicate, as soon as possible, with Capt. Ryan, D.A.A.G. (b), and to state the number of bottles their cows give daily; also giving the owners full name and address.

5. For the reasons stated above it is necessary that all private sales of milk should be strictly prohibited and all supplies of milk must be obtained through the Government Dairy alone; such persons as may have already obtained orders are requested to send for their milk from the Store daily. Their names will be entered on a register kept there.

7. All Owners of milch cows are requested to send to Mr. Hillam any orders they may have in their possession at present authorising them to supply any persons.

8. The Imperial Authorities are also most desirous of purchasing milk of Goats and Asses. Any persons having Goats or Asses milk to sell are requested to inform Mr. Hillam.

By order,

E. H. CECIL, Major,  
C.S.O.

Mafeking, 14th April, 1900.

## NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Imperial Authorities will purchase supplies of Rozin and Mess Fuel. Persons having supplies of these will communicate with Capt. Ryan, D.A.A.G. (b).

## Auction Notice.

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### THE Mafeking Mail.

MONDAY, 16<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 1900.

#### MEMS.

There has evidently been a big split between the Free Staters, one portion wanted to make terms with Great Britain, "there was a great demand amongst a large section of the Free Staters for copies of Lord Roberts proclamation" *vide Cape Times*, and the other being equally determined not to agree to any proposals of peace. This portion has probably brought about the annexation by the Transvaal.

"Oud Griete has gone to Pretoria they say. The dear old thing belongs to Mafeking and it is a piece of impertinence for anyone to remove it without first obtaining permission. It is, however, comforting to know it is not removed from British territory.

The news of the fight and repulse of the Boers on Saturday, October the 14<sup>th</sup>, was by native rumour carried to Modder River so speedily, that the wire from that place reached London on the evening of Monday the 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### THE SIEGE WEDDING.

Peter McEeroy, who came from the Randt to Mafeking on the eve of the outbreak, was this morning married at the Court House, by special licence, to Miss Aletta Sophia

Von Rooyen, daughter of Johannes Van Rooyen, a farmer of this district. Miss Reinsky was bridesmaid, while Patsy Carrol, the light weight pugilist of Bulawayo, officiated as best man, valiantly tucking the bride's arm under his own and escorting her away after the wedding, while the "happy man" followed after with the bridesmaid.

This celebration is another proof of the pluck and courage, which, in this garrison, is available for any event. A diploma of honour was given to a baby for being born during the siege, and certainly nothing short of the V.C. should be the award of bravery that enables a man to undertake matrimonial responsibilities with rations so scarce.

#### The Colonel's Reply to Her Majesty's Message.

### MAFEKING GARRISON

#### GENERAL ORDERS

By Colonel R. S. S. Baden-Powell,  
Commanding Frontier Force.

MAFEKING, 14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 1900.

The following reply has been sent by the Colonel Commanding to Her Majesty's telegram of 1<sup>st</sup> April:—

"Her Majesty's gracious message most highly appreciated; Mafeking Garrison more determined than ever to maintain Her supremacy."

*Appointments.*—Mr. Nettle to be Foreman in charge of the Railway Crushing Mill, with pay at the rate of £1 per diem.

Mr. Mulholland to be Assistant, Railway Crushing Mill, with pay at the rate of 10/- per diem.

Mr. Tighe is appointed Superintendent of the Sieving-room, etc., A.S.C. Depot, Issac's Yard, with pay at the rate of 10/- per diem.

All the above appointments to date from the 12<sup>th</sup> inst. inclusive,

*Ordnance Workshops: Closing of.*—The Ordnance Work having been completed the shops will close to-morrow night and the staff will cease to draw pay and will be struck off the strength to-morrow inclusive accordingly. In closing the Ordnance Shops the Colonel Commanding desires to place on record his indebtedness to the skill, ingenuity, and energy displayed by all hands employed there. It is characteristic of Mafeking that it can, when called upon, produce from among the citizens, men who are able to turn their hands to any work that may be required—even to the extent of manufacturing a 16-pounder, and gun ammunition. By their useful and willing work Foreman Connolly, Assistant Foreman Coghlan, and their efficient staff, have given valuable aid to the defence of Mafeking.

*Steam Mill.*—A new mill having been established in the Railway Yard, the services of Messrs. Spiers & Hunkin, Millers, and of Messrs. Primer & Crosbie, Engine Drivers, being no longer required, these persons ceased to draw pay from the 12<sup>th</sup> inst. inclusive and are struck off the strength accordingly.

The Colonel Commanding desires to place on record his appreciation of the good work which has been done for the Imperial Government during the last two months, under very trying circumstances, by Messrs Spiers & Hunkin and those serving under them.

*Buying or Selling Live Stock.*—(General Order No. 7, of 14<sup>th</sup> Feb., 1900). Persons desirous of either buying or selling live stock should first inform Capt. Ryan, D.A.A.G. (h), as a most careful regulation of the distribution of such stock is, under present circumstances, absolutely necessary in the interests of the garrison and inhabitants.

*Increase of Pay.*—General Order No. 7, of the 13<sup>th</sup> instant, is hereby cancelled.

*Damages Telephone Lines.*—Drivers are cautioned to be extremely careful with their whips when near telephone wires. If they damage the wires they will be severely punished.

*Horse Carcasses: Purchase of.*—£3 has been decided upon as the amount to be paid per carcass for such carcasses as private horse owners may send to the Soup Kitchens.

MAFEKING, 16TH APRIL, 1900.

*Court of Summary Jurisdiction.*—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet on Tuesday, 17th April, at the Court House, at 10-15 a.m., for the examination of such prisoners as may be brought before it. President: H.H. Maj. Gool-Adams, C.B., C.M.G. Member: Lieut.-Col. C. O. Hore.

*Alarm Bells.*—The big gun has, according to spies reports, gone to Pretoria. But the alarm bell will continue to be rung to give warning as far as possible of the enemy's smaller guns coming into action. The big bell will be rung as follows: A number of strokes in rapid succession means "warning" that enemy's guns are going into action. Three slow strokes means: From South of town. Six slow strokes means: From North of town.

*Pay: Increase of.*—Alexander Guahini, Office Messenger and Interpreter to Capt. Ryan, D.A.A.G. (b.), is granted pay at the rate of 3/- per diem from the 12th instant inclusive, being an increase of 6d. per diem on his former rate.

*Vegetables.*—All private sales of vegetables are strictly prohibited and owners of vegetable gardens are notified that all vegetables are held up for Imperial purposes. Until further notice they will hand over their supplies daily to the Grocery Store.

By order.

E. H. CECIL, Major,  
Chief Staff Officer.

## THE OBSTINATE MAN.

(From the *Evening News*)

They trained their big guns on the  
poor little town,  
The racket was something stupen-  
dous.  
You never could tell where their shells  
would come down,  
But the moral effect was tremen-  
dous.  
Projectiles were scattered o'er hill  
and o'er dale,  
As thick as dead leaves in the  
autumn,  
But nothing could make these hold  
Britishers quail,  
No lesson those messengers taught  
'em.  
Says Powell, "Such trifles don't alter  
my plan!"  
You never did see such an obstinate  
man.

The violent death of a pup in the  
street  
Never opened their eyes to their  
danger,

They even cracked jokes on the  
crushing defeat

They sustained at the hands of the  
stranger.

The merciful foe man implored them  
to yield,

While the veldt with his tear drops  
he watered.

For the terrible truth could no more  
be concealed,

That another poor dog might be  
slaughtered.

Says Powell, "We're game to hold  
out while we can."

You never did see such an obstinate  
man.

They pounded away from a neigh-  
bouring kop,

The way they hurtled powder was  
sinful:

But at last they succeeded in wreck-  
ing a shop

And spoiling sardines by the tin-  
ful;

And though it was only one hit in a  
score,

They hoped 'twould reduce the  
defender.

But still Baden-Powell kept asking  
for more

When 'twas plain that he ought to  
surrender

He's as perky as when the invest-  
ment began,

You never did see such an obstinate  
man.

## THE MAFEKING MEDAL.

Hail to the Transvaal Republic, and  
hail to her hellicose sons,

Boldly they held their positions, as  
long as they wanted to stay,

Boldly they planted their cannon, and  
boldly they stood to their guns,

Till purely personal reasons induced  
them to wander away.

Shells, thick as leaves in the autumn,  
were falling on doomed Mafeking,

Sped by the hurghers of Cronje; from  
grey-beards to lads in their teens.

"Lads!" cried the gallant commander,  
"a seven-inch Krupp is the thing

Here, out of range of the cannon,  
we're giving the Britishers  
beans!"

What if the fire was erratic, with  
scarcely one hit in a score?

Surely a noise we created to awaken  
the dead from their rest.

Nor did the British go scatheless? An  
Uitlander's dog is no more,

Slain by a fifty-six pounder that fell  
with a thump on his chest.

Hail to the gunners of Cronje, a medal  
shall surely he wrought,

Fashioned of finest Dutch metal,  
and pinned to the breasts of the  
brave;

Bright as their record of valour, to tell  
of the fight that they fought;

Aye, and the Uitlander puppy they  
sent to a warrior's grave.

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"CRITIC": No! Mr. Schrei-  
ner did *not* show "an extraor-  
dinary look of prescience,"—

"lack" was meant, but were  
you occupied the time you  
suggest, examining proofs pro-  
duced with material six  
months more than "old," you  
probably would show no "ex-  
traordinary look" other than  
that of a—

## TENDERS.

TENDERS are hereby in-  
vited by the Imperial  
Government for the supply of  
Blankets for the use of the  
Troops.

Tenders will state price  
singly and per hundred blan-  
kets.

Sealed Tenders—marked  
"Blankets"—to be handed  
in to the office of the Chief  
Staff Officer not later than  
10 a.m., on 20th inst.

The lowest or any tender  
not necessarily accepted.

## NOTICE.

IN consequence of the in-  
creasing demand for  
fresh vegetables for the sick  
and convalescents, the Colo-  
nel Commanding finds it  
necessary to hold up the sup-  
ply. Owners and Sellers of  
vegetables are requested to  
hand in, daily, their supply of  
vegetables to the Grocery  
Store, Bulawayo Road.

The vegetables will be paid  
for at a fair rate and the bal-  
ance not required for above  
purpose will be sold at cost  
price.

Private sales are strictly  
prohibited.

By order,

E. H. CECIL, Major.  
Chief Staff Officer.



## "Austral" Lodge,

No. 2534, E.C.

BRO. REV. W. H. WEEKS, W.M.

AN Emergency Meeting will be  
held at the Masonic Hall on  
Sunday next, 8-30 p.m.

Visiting B.B. cordially invited

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Tuesday, April 17th, 1900.

187th Day of Siege

### THE Mafeking Mail

TUESDAY, 17TH APRIL, 1900.

#### SUNDAY'S SPORTS.

Captain Cowan and the officers of the Bechuanaland Rifles deserve commendation for the excellent manner in which Sunday's Sports were arranged and carried through. If one may judge from the frequently succeeding roars of hearty laughter heard during the afternoon, the entertainment provided more humorous enjoyment than any previous one during the siege. Below we give the names of the prize-winners:—

- 1—Bicycle Race
  - 1 Pte. Dobie, Bechd. Rifles
  - 2 Wolbuter
- 2—440 Yards Flat Race (handicap)
  - 1 Corpl. Rosenfield
  - 2 Crosskill
- 3—Mounted Obstacle Race
  - 1 Pte. Swart
  - 2 Pte. Rowland
- 4—Water Bucket Race
  - 1 Sergt. Bell
- 5—Mounted Fancy Dress Race

This proved to be the most amusing item of the programme. Its most noticeable feature being the clever way in which the ladies had constructed the costumes, so as to admit of rapid and complete transformation of the riders in ordinary clothes to the dress of the various characters represented. Of these there were a dozen; all excellent. The dresses were: Lieut. Daniel, a Hospital Nurse; Lieut. Dunlop Smith, The "Geisha"; Lieut. C. X. W. McKenna, "Baby Darling";

Capt. Scholefield, a Bride; Sergt. Cook, a Black Domino; Mr. Augus Hamilton, "The Bearded Lady"; Mr. McLeod and Mr. Reid, Zulu Chiefs; Mr. Whitfield, "Tanta Sannie"; Mr. Layton, "Weil's Road Rations"; Tpr. Murrell, a Lady; Private Braisher, "Red White and Blue." One lap was ridden and the ladies who had made the dresses energetically assisted the men to attire themselves in their unaccustomed robes, this caused great fun, as did some of the competitors, in female costume, who evidently wished to represent the "new woman" in their mode of riding.

The winners in this event were:

- Prize for first in —  
Lieutenant Daniel
- Ladies, Prizes for Costume: —  
1 Miss Cowan  
2 Miss Wyatt  
3 Mrs. Gemmell  
4 Miss Friend
- 6—Cock Fighting  
1 Bechd. Rifles Section
- 7—Are you There  
1 Pte. Wedderburn
- 8—Donkey Race (Cadets)  
1 Geo. Rowles

In connection with the above the following figures may prove of interest.

#### MAFEKING SIEGE SPORTS FUND.

|         |                                    |          |
|---------|------------------------------------|----------|
| Dr.     | To Donation, H. A. Bradley, Gwelo  | £50 0 0  |
| Feb. 14 | „ Cash proceeds of first Concert   | 10 4 3   |
| „ 26    | „ Cash proceeds of Railway Concert | 12 15 0  |
|         |                                    | <hr/>    |
|         |                                    | £72 19 3 |

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| Cr.     | By Paid for prizes                                   |          |
| Jan. 20 | Variety Concerts                                     | £10 0 0  |
| Feb. 8  | „ Paid for prizes Agricultural Show                  | 17 15 0  |
| „ 19    | „ Paid for repairs Cycle Track                       | 1 0 0    |
| „ 20    | „ Paid a/c Riesle & Rombach, prizes for Cycle Sports | 8 11 0   |
| Apl. 8  | „ Paid for prizes B.S.A. Sports                      | 10 0 0   |
| „ 15    | „ Paid for prizes Bechuanaland. Rtl. Sports          | 6 16 0   |
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|         |  | £54 2 0  |
| „ 16    | „ Cash balance in hand                               | 18 17 3  |
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|         |  | £72 19 3 |

Mafeking, 16th April, 1900.

From the foregoing it will be seen that although a good amount has been available for these amusements, there is not a large enough sum in hand to admit of much further outlay. It must be agreed that these gatherings have materially assisted in keeping up the cheerfulness that, with but little exception, has prevailed all round.

#### MEMS.

As it has been found that the cotton khaki snits used by the troops in South Africa are not sufficient protection for men sleeping on the veld, the Government has placed extensive orders with Glasgow manufacturers for woolen khaki uniforms. Tenders have been sent in for over 95,000 suits. The depleted army stores are to be replenished with all speed.

Lieut. Raphael, who fell at Spion Kop, was the first Jewish officer of the British Army to be killed in action.



Colonel Bingham has offered 1,000 Boynton shields to the War Office. The shield consists of a sheet of thin steel, weighing about 1 lb., and about 12 inches square, which is intended to be hung on the end of the rifle. It is expected to stop a Lee-Metford at anything over 500 yards.

Corporal Weldon, of the I.L.I., while fighting in the trenches on the Spionkop, was surrounded by the enemy, and although wounded, refused to surrender, but gave the quietus to the foe who bade him do so, at the same instant being riddled with Boer bullets. The gallant young officer is an East Londoner, and brother to Mrs. A. C. Maytham.

Trooper Plum, of Brabant's Horse, who was killed at Dordrecht, was a general favourite with all who knew him. He had a creamery in the Winterberg, and a party of a dozen or so, who came up from Bavians River, stayed with him over night there, and within a couple of hours he was ready to saddle up and go with them to the front.

Major Albrecht, late commander of the Boer Artillery, now a prisoner of war, in a letter written in December last, said, "Our Boer Artillery was by no means so successful as I anticipated before the war." Referring to the British Artillery he said: "over fifty guns [at Colenso] were turned against 13,000 Boers, but he could well say we did not lose more than 100 men, amongst them about three dozen killed." "To about one thousand English shells about twelve men were killed and thirty or forty wounded." Further on, in reference to what the Boer guns did, he says: "Although we fired about four hundred shells I leave it open whether our artillery disabled in all a hundred men." This self-complacent braggadism, so notice-

able amongst all Transvaalers is exceedingly amusing. The overweening conceit that prompts a man of Albrecht's position to vapour forth the assumption that the Boers, with four hundred shells, would do more than the English could with a thousand would be a fit subject for laughter if it were not for the saddening reflection that to this fat-headedness the war is, in great part, attributable.

## MAFEKING GARRISON

### GENERAL ORDERS

By Colonel R. S. S. Baden-Powell,  
Commanding Frontier Force.

MAFEKING, 17TH APRIL, 1900.

*Court of Summary Jurisdiction.*—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet on Wednesday, 18th April, at the Court House, at 10-15 a.m., for the examination of such prisoners as may be brought before it. President: Lord Edward Cecil, D.S.O.; Member: C. G. H. Bell Esq., C.C. & R.M.

*C. P. Medical Officer.*—Dr. T. Hayes is appointed to be in personal medical charge of the Cape Police, under Major Anderson, Principal Medical Officer to the Forces, to date from the 1st April, 1900.

*Appointment A.S.C.*—Mr. E. W. Hunt to be Government Buyer and Inspector of Live Stock at the rate of 10/- per diem to date from the 17th inst. inclusive.

*Pay.*—A payment at the rate of 1/6 per diem to Mr. Mettham is hereby authorised for his services for the days in which his cart was in use for the transport of rations to the Refugee Lager.

By order,  
E. H. CECIL, Major,  
Chief Staff Officer.

## THE BOERS LOSSES UP TO END OF DEC., 1899.

(From the Cape Times.)

The following figures have been carefully compiled and many of them have been verified by persons who have

lately arrived from the Republic. They are certainly rather underestimated than exaggerated. Up to the present the enemies losses in killed and wounded have been: Mafeking 500, Kimberley 300, Belmont 400, Grasspan 250, Modder River 400, Magersfontein 700, Kuruman 100, Douglas 75, against Gen. French 300, against General Gatacre 100, Glencoe 300, Elandslaagte 600, Ladysmith 2,000, sundry other places 400. Total: 6,425.

## NOTICE.

IT is necessary, owing to the unauthorised killing of live stock which has been going on, to have registered and branded or marked, all Cattle, horses, sheep, goats, mules and donkeys; the property of white people.

Owners are therefore desired to register their animals at the office of Capt. Ryan, D.A.A.G.(b), at the Court House, as soon as possible. Owners will then be informed where the animals will be branded or marked.

Any animals found unbranded or unmarked after Saturday the 21st, will be confiscated and no compensation will be given.

Any casualties among the animals will be at once reported by owners and carcasses shown, if required, to the Imperial authorities.

When the animals are required for slaughter the owner will be paid fair market prices, and, should he so desire, he will be registered to have his stock replaced by Government after the war, at not more than the rates now paid for his animals.

By order,  
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Chief Staff Officer.

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### THE Mafeking Mail.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH APRIL, 1900.

#### CRONJE'S MISDEEDS.

##### What to do with the Rebels.

The following interesting letter appeared in the "Capo Times" of March 6th:—

Sir,—Cronje having been captured, I trust that certain facts will be remembered by the military authorities, and on no account be overlooked. I intend to refer to well-known facts only, and not to reports.

1. During the time he was in command at the investment of Mafeking, the hospital and women's laager were shelled.

2. During the time he was in supreme command of the troops investing Kimberley, the redoubts where all the men were, were not shelled, but the town was shelled, resulting in the death of many women and children.

3. Expanding bullets of the most horrible construction have been found in the Boer trenches and on the persons of dead Boers, at Magersfontein, Paardeberg, and round Kimberley; split-sided, hollow-pointed, soft-nosed, and rolled sheet lead with split and cross-cut top. The above facts speak for themselves. The first two point to the deliberate and carefully planned murder of women and children, and wounded and sick men; the third to the inhuman maiming of our troops, and all are in direct opposition to the accepted agreements of warfare between civilised nations. Let

it not be forgotten that Cronje is directly responsible for what we have seen here in Kimberley; women with their breasts torn off, others with their children's brains scattered over them, and many other episodes too horrible to mention.

Now to refer to Colonial rebels; we have in our hands at the present time as prisoners a number of Colonial rebels who have committed deliberate and premeditated murder wholesale among their fellow-subjects. What are authorities waiting for? These rebels were actually taken with arms in their hands, and a number of English and Colonial soldiers have been deliberately murdered by these rebels. Again I say, what are the authorities waiting for? Do they want some more of our troops murdered before they take action?

In spite of the Governor's and Lord Roberts's manifestoes the country is reeking with Colonial rebels under arms. Manifestoes won't disband them; but this will—Let the worst district be taken as an example to start with, and let a flying column be sent out into that district with all the Colonial rebels taken in action belonging to the district. . . . Then there will be no more Colonial rebels, and then there will in the future be many fewer women and children in England and among the loyal population of South Africa, mourning the loss of fathers, husbands, brothers, and sons.

Action is required at once, hard, stern, and deliberate. The time for manifestoes has passed. Let our enemies feel.—I am, etc.,

"TRUTH."

#### IN PRETORIA GAOL.

##### MR. HELLAWELL'S NARRATIVE.

From the "CAPE TIMES."

PRETORIA GAOL, via Lourenço Marques, March 8th.—I am kept prisoner here in consequence of certain despatches for the "Cape Times" and "Daily Mail" found in my possession, demonstrating various breaches of the Geneva Convention by the enemy during the siege of Mafeking.

President Kruger was good enough to say I was "dangerous," so that my detention is another instance of the suppression of the liberty of the press.

Up to the end of January Pretoria had been visually jubilant, the newspapers constantly parading the Boer victories and prophesying the early downfall of the British Empire as the result of the Irish party's jubilation.

The sympathy expressed for the Boers in the House of Commons was hailed with delight as a sure sign that public opinion was veering round to the Boer cause.

In December extracts from "Truth" and "Reynolds" fed Boer egoism and encouraged them in their belief in the justice of their cause, but even this poor satisfaction has now apparently failed them.

#### DECEIVING THE BURGHERS.

The relief of Kimberley has not yet been acknowledged in the press, though the invasion of the Free State is hinted at.

Ladysmith and Mafeking are still supposed to be closely beleaguered. Cronje is acknowledged to be surround-

ed in the vicinity of Petrusberg, while, according to their accounts, General Buller at the Tugela is constantly forced to retire across the river.

Privately we know that much is being kept back from the burghers. I am certain that the officials are grievously misleading them, as very great dissatisfaction exists among the burghers.

The food supplies are very irregular, especially as regards meat, coffee and sugar, and as a consequence many burghers are threatening to return to their farms.

#### KRUGER AND HIS BURGHERS.

President Kruger, accompanied by a large staff, left Pretoria hastily on February 28th, and is said to have proceeded to Ladysmith to remonstrate with refractory burghers, the Free Staters in particular, who are said to be disorganised. The majority are threatening to throw down their arms if Bloemfontein is allowed to fall into possession of the British troops.

Deep depression now prevails in Pretoria. The officials of the gaol are utterly dejected, standing about in small groups and openly owning that all is over, while even the newspapers admit the critical state of affairs.

#### HOW OUR TROOPS FAIR.

Very few prisoners now arrive, though over 3,000 soldiers, representing sixty-four corps, are now at Waterfall. They are in splendid spirits, and play cricket and football, hold camp-fires, and sing "God save the Queen," with the same gusto as if they were at Aldershot. The camp is very unsanitary, and the water is questionable. The troops only get one pound of meat weekly. With these exceptions there is nothing to complain of.

Typhoid fever is very prevalent owing to the bad sanitation.

To be continued in to-morrows Slip.

**1s.** PER DOZEN will be given for Manser Bullets—"OFFICER." "M. Mail."

## GRAND SIEGE SALE.

THE Undersigned, duly instructed, will sell by Public Auction, WITHOUT RESERVE,

ON SUNDAY NEXT, AT 9-30 A.M.,  
the whole of the

### Household Furniture,

The property of Mrs. Dall, consisting of:

Wardrobe; Single and Double Bedsteads, with wire Mattresses; Chests of Drawers; Fancy Chairs; Madeira Chairs; Marble Top Washing Stand; Mirror; Bed and Table Linen; Curtains; Carpets; Ornaments, &c., &c.; Mangle and Washer complete; Baby's Rocking Chair; Gent's Bicycle; Girl's Bicycle.

ON VIEW TILL SATURDAY 4 P.M.

As this is a good opportunity of buying Good Furniture, those in want of same should not miss this rare chance.

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*Officer Attached.*—Capt. Goodyear, Colonial Contingent, not being at present fit for active duty on account of the effects of his wound, is attached to the Intelligence Department from the 1st April, 1900, inclusive.

*Sugar Ration.*—A reduction in the Sugar Ration has been found necessary and in future it will be 1 oz. per man instead of 2 ozs.

By order,  
E. H. CECIL, Major,  
Chief Staff Officer.

## NOTICE.

FAMILIES wishing to purchase Sowens tickets should apply to Insp. B. MYERS, Lippmann's Yard, between 7.30 and 9.0 a.m.

### Another Afternoon Concert

UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF

Colonel R. S. S. Baden-Powell  
and Officers of the Garrison,

WILL BE HELD ON

Sunday next, April 22nd

The 192nd Day of the Siege,

AT THE

MASONIC HALL,

Commencing at 5 p.m.

ADMISSION 2s.

A LIMITED NUMBER OF RESERVED SEATS 4s.

Plan at ALDRED & ROSS.

ONE of the Competition Poems which, through the illness of the Author, Mr. W. T. Hulley, was not read, has been printed and is for sale. (price 1s.) It is entitled "An Ode to the Mafeking Dead."

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THURSDAY, 19TH APRIL, 1900.

#### MEMS.

At Magersfontein the Boers trench was seven miles long.

When the Boers cleared from Jacobsdal they left one of their big guns behind them.

Mr. Philip Townshend, editor of the "Bechuanaland News" and proprietor of the "Mafeking Mail," has been released from durance vile at Pretoria and is now, or was, at the date of the last papers received from the Colony, in Capetown.

At the Court of Summary Jurisdiction to-day, an excellent reason was advanced by a Zulu, rejoicing in the familiar name of James Smith, why he should not be found guilty of stealing two biscuits. He had already three sentences to work out.

"Tom" repudiated the monstrous suggestion that he stole Jonas's suit of clothes. certainly he wore them, but only as a loan, and he had intended to obtain the owners permission afterwards. Somehow the court did not view the matter in quite the same light.

Two months before the war Oom Paul gave a commission to Mr. Mullins, an American, to cast a monument in honour of the victory over the Jameson Raiders. It was intended to place it in a public square in Pretoria. It will not be wanted now, but perhaps with

a little contriving it might be altered to suit future requirements. Chipping off the edge and rounding off the crown of Kruger's silk topper it might be turned into a fair representation of the Right Hon. Lord R. S. S. Baron of Mafeking at least it could not be less like him than the "Gaily Seraphic's" drawing was like Minchin's roof. Then just stick a pipe in the mouth of the recumbent figure and paint a little tobacco stain round its mouth, it would be easily recognisable as the ex-president of the Z.A.R., and the trick would be done. Pity to waste good American bronze.

#### IN PRETORIA GAOL.

##### MR. HELLAWELL'S NARRATIVE.

##### HIS ESCAPE AND RECAPTURE.

From the "CAPE TIMES."

(Continued from last night's Slip.)

##### SCANDALOUS HOSPITAL ARRANGEMENTS.

The hospital arrangements are disgraceful, and there is very small hope of recovery for bad cases. The hospital dietary was scandalously insufficient until well into February, when your correspondent, who had been acting as hospital secretary, indicted all concerned in a strong letter written to the medical authorities. The result was satisfactory, but I was removed from the office after the Commission had made inquiry.

Pretoria March 7th.—Much satisfaction is felt here in all circles at the courtesies accorded General Cronje by the

British, both after his surrender and on his arrival at Cape Town. Numerous telegrams have been received here by friends of Boer prisoners in Cape Town, stating that they, the prisoners, were excellently treated by the British authorities.

President Kruger has been visiting the commandoes south of Bloemfontein.

On February 21, your correspondent succeeded in creeping from Waterval, and made tracks for Gaberones through the bushveld, accompanied by a Cape Policeman. Eighty miles were covered, but the Crocodile River being in flood, put a stop to further progress. Terrific rains falling put out of the question the idea of crossing, at any rate for a week.

We sought shelter at a farm adjacent, expecting the farmer to be on commando, but he was at the house, and finding us without passes got several men together and took us prisoners, and sent us back to Pretoria. We were put back in gaol, where I was for the first thirteen days of December.

##### HARSH TREATMENT.

About a hundred Colonials were in prison, taken on the Natal frontier and at Kuruman; they were undergoing scandalous treatment, exactly as if they were criminals, but without hard labour. They had no coffee nor tea, were locked in the cells at six o'clock in the evening, and were not allowed to see friends or relations; were searched like felons every day. They took exercise in small squares, but free speech was not permitted. Efforts to see the American Consul are always in vain, so there is

absolutely no opportunity to protest against it, it being considered a crime to be a Colonial, even if of English birth.

Our faith in the justice of the British cause, and in the might of British arms is as strong as ever, and though we feel no desire to see the Boers humbled, we hope to see the British troops arrive in Pretoria. The general feeling here is that any half-hearted compromise would affect the peace of South Africa in perpetuity.

### "OUR FRIENDS."

Now in our midst there are some folk  
Who, when you talk "relief,"  
Will wink their eye and give a grin  
Which tells of unbelief.

And some will tell you with a sigh  
That Methuen's lost his way,  
And so we've got to stick the siege  
Until we all turn grey.

Now I ain't agoin' to calmly say  
I'm used to this 'ere thing,  
For once is quite enough to be  
Besieged at Mafeking.

But I'm agoin' to tell you folk  
That we've got plenty friends,  
Who, tho' they don't go braggin',  
Are a meetin' of our onds.

Now in the town there's that old mill  
That gives it's nightly squeal,  
An' keeps grudiin' of the "sikers"  
That constitute our meal.

It ain't a sixty-pounder gun  
A shootin' out it's pill,  
But still to me it seems to be  
A good "old soldier's mill."

And then we have them mealie plots,  
A quietly growin' there  
As tho' they thought the country, still  
Was full o' peace and prayer.

But to us 'opeful bundook boys  
Who keep the sand bags dry,  
Them mealies form another crop  
That 'urt the Dutchmen's eye.

They've got their squadrons and their  
troops,  
An' all that kind o' thing,  
An' quietly they're manœuvrin'  
To 'old up Mafeking.

And those horses and the donkeys  
That stop old Snyman's shells,  
An' drop into the kitchen  
To make "the Soup vat smells,"

They ain't got sich a glorious end,  
But ev'ry bloomin' nag  
Is a eatin' and a dyin',  
And a holin' for our flag.

So keep yer 'eads up high my boys  
And don't look on the floor  
Because our slinger's growin' less  
Instead of growin' more.

But keep on trustin' in yer friends,  
Keep 'opin', lightin', vowin',  
And when yer buy yer donkey steaks  
Don't, don't forget yer soven.

"PHIL."

## CORRESPONDENCE.

### COLONIAL BORN.

To the Editor Mafeking Mail.

SIR, as the ex-Army and Navy men, as well as the old C.M.R. and F.A.M.P. men, have been immortalized by having their photos taken, I think it behoves us, as Colonials, to show to the world that we have also in large numbers assisted in the gallant defence of Mafeking; and to this end it has been decided to have a photo taken on Sunday morning, at 7.30, at the Railway workshops, of all South African born, of English descent, who have taken part in the defence. I consider that it is a duty that every Colonial owes to the land of his birth, to turn up and show that our gallant Colonel had a tidy crowd of South African born Englishmen under his command taking part in a defence which has been, and still is, the admiration of the whole world.

Thanking you in anticipation for inserting this

Yours &c.

S. D. CAWOOD.

### Under the Patronage of

COLONEL R. S. S. BADEN-POWELL AND  
OFFICERS OF THE GARRISON,

## A GRAND Boxing Entertainment

WILL BE GIVEN ON

SUNDAY, MAY 6TH, 1900,

AT THE

RECREATION GROUND.

The following events have been arranged:—

- 1.—A Ten-round Competition for a Gold Medal, for men up to 10 st.
- 2.—Match between two first-class light-weights, for a Gold Medal and the Championship of the Mafeking Siege.
- 3.—Competition for men up to 9 st. 7 lbs.
- 4.—Contest for amateurs, all comers, for a Silver Medal.

## NOTICE.

THE Raffle for a case of Whisky, the proceeds to go to the Sisters of Mercy, will take place at Bradley's Hotel on Saturday afternoon, the 21st inst, at 4 o'clock sharp. A few tickets can still be obtained of

E. PLATNAUER,

Commission Agent.

Roll up at the drawing.

**WE OFFER**

A PRIZE OF

**A Mauser Brooch**

FOR A LADY, OR

A PAIR OF **Mauser Sleeve Links**

FOR A GENTLEMAN.

For the first opened and correct solution of Two Acrostics which will appear in to-morrow's "Slip."

### Important Sale.

THE undersigned, duly instructed by Mr. P. M. FINCHAM, will sell outside the premises opposite the Railway Station,

On Sunday, 22nd inst., at 9 a.m. sharp,

ABSOLUTELY WITHOUT RESERVE,

The whole of his

**Valuable Restaurant & Bedroom Furniture,**

Consisting of Tables, Chairs, Benches, Cupboards, Lamps, Cutlery, Crockery Glassware, Kitchen Utensils, Pots, Pans, etc. Bedsteads, Mattresses, Sheets, Blankets, Pillows, Washstands, Toilet Sets, large Platform "Avery" Scale; also the Fixtures of a Butcher Shop.

A grand opportunity for those about to start business.

E. PLATNAUER,

Auctioneer, etc.

**A PHOTOGRAPH**  
of Ex-Royal Navy, Royal Marines, and Royal Naval Reserve.

WILL be taken on Sunday next at 7 a.m., opposite Commercial Hotel, close to Railway Station. Members are requested to turn up with Rifles and Baudoliers, also, if possible, with Leggings and Loose Shirts and Smasher Hats.

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### THE Mafeking Mail.

FRIDAY, 20TH APRIL, 1900.

#### LATEST NEWS.

By the courtesy of the Colonel Commanding we are enabled to print the following:—

The following news has been received to-day:—

*Telegram from Bulawayo, dated April 11th:*

S.S. "Chicago" arrived at Beira yesterday. Two other steamers expected to-day.

Eighth Division arrived at Kimberley.

Cronje and 1,000 prisoners left for St. Helena.

Colville reported engaged with the enemy, who cut off Broadwood's convoy. Boers are said to have shot prisoners of this Division in cold blood.

Fifty men of E Squadron, Kitchener's Horse, were isolated in French's advance on Kimberley before its relief, and kept 500 Boers, with two 12-pdrs., at bay for 5 days, eventually being starved into surrender.

Railway open to Bloemfontein.

Boer loss at Warrenton recently, 9 killed, 14 wounded; 4 guns put out of action.

*Telegram from Salisbury, dated April 12th:*

Two more transports arrived at Beira yesterday, bringing 900 Australians. Other two boats outside. No news from South.

*Telegram from A. D. E., Bulawayo, dated 13th April:*

Methuen, with Yeomanry, surrounded Villebois's commando at Boshoff, on 5th. Villebois and 7 men killed, and 54 prisoners taken. Our loss 4 killed and 7 wounded.

Boers succeeded in wedging in between Gataere and Brabant at Ronxville.

Small parties of enemy, reported close to Bloemfontein, dispersed by Cavalry.

Fighting at Warrenton still going on.

Colville and French's Divisions returned to Bloemfontein.

News received from native sources is that the Relief Column has crossed the river at Fourteen Streams, and was expected at Taungs last week.

Prieska rebels are reported to be moving N.W. in large numbers, making for Phokwani and probably Christiana. The Boers are said to have taken up a position at Phokwani.

Lord Roberts telegraphs that there has been unexpected delay in the despatch of our Relief Column, and he hopes that we may be able to make our supplies last beyond the 18th May. This we can easily do for a further month if necessary.

The following telegrams were also received this morning:—

From Resident Commissioner, Bulawayo.

To Col. Commanding, Mafeking.

April 14th.—"In reply to your telegram of the 9th, re families, now in Mafeking, who obtained free passes prior to commencement of

siege, I can assure you no difficulties will be raised to these getting tickets, as far as the Bechuanaland Railway is concerned."

[The above is in reply to a request which we made for free return passes for all families that were taken down by train at Govt. expense. That request, of course, has to go on to the Cape, for Cape Government Railway's consideration, but a similar reply is to be hoped for.—R. S. S. B.-P.]

From Herschler, Deputy Mayor, Bulawayo. To Col. Baden-Powell, Mafeking.

April 14th.—"Have sent you several parcels of articles, mentioned in your telegram for Hospital comforts. Am compelled to go to England, but your wishes will be attended to. Fervently hope for your speedy relief. Best of luck and kindest regards to all."

#### DOUBLE ACROSTIC.

No. 1.

1. 'Tis a very small force that makes our defence.  
But it's this kind of force that gives it its strength.
2. The sons of the Empire have all come to fight.  
But this one, tho' willing, is told to sit tight.
3. If a Boer is insulting, and gets out your shirt  
You give him this portion and make him eat dirt.
4. Or if that should fail in quite doing the trick.  
With this sharp appendage you give him a kick.
5. If a soldier reporting "All correct" or "All's well,"  
Used this form of words you'd D— a him to H—.



6. At Capetown he fiddled divinely  
they say,  
And took all the silver he could  
carry away.
7. Though shelling has ruined and  
knocked houses down,  
It has added a good deal of this  
to the town.
8. We've waited like this for six  
month or more,  
Awaiting relief or some news of  
the war.

As Empress, or Goddess, enshrined  
on her throne,  
May she with her favour now  
kindly look down  
And grant that successes may  
finally crown  
The stand that's been made by  
this loyal little town.

#### DOUBLE ACROSTIC.

No. 2.

1. When show'rs of these fall on our  
roof  
The thing's no longer water-proof.
2. In winter, if you run on this  
'Twill quickly warm you up,  
In summer there's a run on it  
To cool the people down.
3. His name was proved, one Derby  
Day,  
To mean he could both go and  
stay.

As a foe we disliked him, but now he  
has gone.  
We're sorry we couldn't detain  
him,  
But we hope he'll return when peace  
has been won  
And then we'll for ever retain  
him.

#### Important Sale.

THE undersigned, duly instructed  
by Mr. P. M. FINCHAM, will  
sell outside the premises opposite the  
Railway Station,

On Sunday, 22nd inst., at 9 a.m. sharp,

ABSOLUTELY WITHOUT RESERVE,

The whole of his

#### Valuable Restaurant & Bedroom Furniture,

Consisting of Tables, Chairs, Benches,  
Cupboards, Lamps, Cutlery, Crockery,  
Glassware, Kitchen Utensils, Pots,  
Pans, etc. Bedsteads, Mattresses,  
Sheets, Blankets, Pillows, Wash-  
stands, Toilet Sets, large Platform  
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Mattresses; Chests of Drawers; Fancy Chairs;  
Madeira Chairs; Marble Top Washing Stand;  
Mirrors; Bed and Table Linen; Curtains; Carpets;  
Ornaments, &c., &c.; Mangle and Washer complete;  
Baby's Rocking Chair; Gent's Bicycle; Girl's  
Bicycle.

ON VIEW TILL SATURDAY 4 P.M.

As this is a good opportunity of buying Good Furniture,  
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### ALDRED & ROSS,

Govt. Auctioneers and Sworn Appraisers.

#### Our Thermometer of Hope.

|             |      |
|-------------|------|
| Orange Rvr. | 300. |
| Belmont.    | 279. |
| Modder Rvr. | 247. |
| Kimberley.  | 223. |
| Val River.  | 179. |
| Plokwana.   | 153. |
| Taung.      | 139. |
| Vryburg.    | 96.  |
| Devondale.  | 80.  |
| Doornbul.   | 65.  |
| Maribogo.   | 50.  |
| Kraaipan.   | 38.  |
| Maritzburg. | 24.  |
| Madib.      | 11.  |
| Mafeking.   | 0.   |

A SEASONABLE PRESENT.

We learn that Mr. B. Weil has  
generously presented a blanket to  
every man of the Protectorate,  
B.S.A.P., C.P., and Rifles.



#### "Austral" Lodge.

No. 2534, E.C.

BRO. REV. W. H. WEEKES, W.M.

AN Emergency Meeting will be  
held at the Masonic Hall on  
Sunday next, 8-30 p.m.

Visiting B.B. cordially invited.

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Saturday, April 21st, 1900.

191st Day of Siege

### THE Mafeking Mail.

SATURDAY, 21st APRIL, 1900.

#### MEMS.

At the Concert to-morrow no shilling seats are to be provided, two shillings being the advertised price of admission. As the proceeds are to be handed over to the Sports and Prizes Funds, the public will not object to the charge, especially, as apart from other considerations, these concerts are entertainments well worth the money.

Does anyone know whether the Siege Exhibition turned out as successful, financially, as it was spectacularly? There was no item to its credit in that balance sheet of the Sports and Prizes Funds, published in these columns the other day.

What long faces everybody pulled yesterday. The news was much better than that we were receiving during November and December, and everybody was stoically philosophical then. Certainly, whisky was not at that time fifty shillings per bottle.

A week, more or less, won't make much difference, so long as Myers keeps his pots boiling, and does not make us wait too long for Sowens.

We looked in on Mr. Tighe and saw his boys shaking up the smashed oats to get the goodness out, and wondered on seeing how white the flour is. What gives it, later on, that Spanish mahogany tint, is the puzzle to us.

General Shrapnel died in 1842, he was the man who invented those surprise packets the Boers dropped around us.

Betting 17 to 1 against any more bombardment of Mafeking with 6 decimal something, Creusots.

FOR SALE.—An empty Dug-out. Purchaser must remove it and provide the necessary shell-proof material &c., at own expense. Part cash and balance by arrangement.—Offers to X.Y.Z. Mafeking.

The Boers have been busy for a day or two past breaking up about a mile of Railway line, five or six miles south from this place. The Rietfontein culvert was destroyed by dynamite a week ago.

### MAFEKING GARRISON

#### CENERAL ORDERS

By Colonel R. S. S. Baden-Powell,  
Commanding Frontier Force.

MAFEKING, 20TH APRIL, 1900.

Notice (1).—On tenders for supply of blankets being called for by the Chief Staff Officer, Mr. B. Weil made a generous offer to present the garrison with one extra blanket per man. The Colonel, in accepting this liberality, believes that he is giving expression to the feelings of all in most heartily thanking Mr. Weil for his generous and very timely gift.

(b). It is proposed to take a photograph on Sunday next, the 22nd inst., of all Colonials of British descent (born in South Africa), who are now forming part of the garrison of Mafeking, as a memento of the siege. Commanding Officers are requested to afford to those under their command the necessary facilities for attending for the purpose, at the

new Railway Workshops, at 7.30 a.m.

Assessment Committee.—There will be no meeting of the above Committee on Sunday next.

Appointment.—Mr. C. Bland to be Assistant Stock Clerk, A.S.C., with pay at the rate of 10/- per diem, to date from the 18th inst. inclusive.

MAFEKING, 21st APRIL, 1900.

Court of Summary Jurisdiction.—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet on Monday, 23rd April, at the Court House, at 10-15 a.m., for the examination of such prisoners as may be brought before it. President: Lieut.-Colonel C. B. Vyvyan. Member: Major F. W. Panzera.

Coffee Ration.—A Coffee ration will be issued in lieu of dop in future. Ration 1 oz. per man. This ration should be demanded on such occasions as dop would have been issued were it available. This Coffee Ration is only intended for men in outlying trenches. It will be issued on indent from Isaac's Yard store.

Relief Rations.—All persons in receipt of Relief Rations through Mr. Musson will be required to personally attend at the Court House, at 9 a.m., on Sunday.

No issue of rations will be made to servants sent to draw rations on their behalf.

By order,  
E. H. CECIL, Major,  
Chief Staff Officer.

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UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF  
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*and Officers of the Garrison,*

WILL BE HELD ON  
**Sunday next, April 22nd**  
**The 192nd Day of the Siege,**  
AT THE  
**MASONIC HALL,**  
Commencing at 5 p.m.

ADMISSION 2s.

A LIMITED NUMBER OF RESERVED  
SEATS 4s.

Plan at **ALDRED & ROSS.**

**PROGRAMME :**  
PART I.

1. March, "Athalia," *Mendelssohn*  
By Members of the  
AMATEUR ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY.
  2. Song, "A little bit of Allright,"  
MR. BERT TAYLOR.
  3. Song, "The Romany King," ...  
MR. A. CAMPBELL.
  4. Song (selected) ... ..  
MR. BRUCE KING.
  5. Song ... "Anchored" ... ..  
MR. ARNOLD.
  6. "From Mayfair to Mafeking" ...  
MR. PERSONALLY-CONDUCTED COOK.
- Interval of five minutes.*

PART 2.

1. Waltz "Moreska," *Florence Fare*  
By Members of the  
AMATEUR ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY.
2. Song, "Staring me in the face,"  
MR. BERT TAYLOR
3. Song, "A Warrior Bold" ...  
MR. CRITTENDEN.
4. Song, "The Storm Fiend" ...  
MR. A. CAMPBELL.
5. "Sowen and Reaping" ...  
LIONEL BROUGH.
6. Song, "True till Death" ...  
MR. G. FITZGERALD.  
*God Save the Queen.*

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office, up till Wednesday,  
25th inst.

**Colonial Born of  
British descent.**

Don't forget to turn up for  
Photograph, to-morrow, Sun-  
day morning.

Every man is requested to  
bring gun and bandolier.

**PLATNAUER'S  
Siege Lottery**

(By permission of the Colonel  
Commanding.)

**NOW OPEN.**

**TICKETS 10s. EACH,**  
obtainable only of

**E. Platnauer,**  
Auctioneer, Market Square.

FIRST PRIZE, Day on which the  
first train from the South ar-  
rives in Mafeking.

SECOND PRIZE, Day before, do.  
THIRD PRIZE, Day after, do.

All monies, less Commission of  
10 p/c, will be set aside for Prizes,  
divided thus:—

*Half for First Prize.*

*One Quarter for Second Prize.*

*One Quarter for Third Prize.*

List closes 12 noon, Monday,  
30th inst., and the Drawing will  
take place at

**Bradley's Hotel,**  
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THE  
*Mafeking Mail.*

MONDAY, 23RD APRIL, 1900.

### WHEN WILL GREAT BRITAIN LEARN?

Rebels, except known ringleaders on giving up their arms are permitted to return to their farms, according to clause 3 of Lord Methuen's proclamation (No. 24). Of course not half of them are giving up their best gun. An old patterned and perhaps damaged one, is, with repentant sighs, handed over, the Z.A.R. Mauser is hidden in the thatch, and grinning in his sleeve, the ex (?) rebel re-takes possession of his uninterfered-with stock; and of his homestead improved by addition of furniture and goods looted from loyalists. It is not surprising that Colonists, especially Natalians, are enraged at this mistaken leniency, and are organizing meetings to protest against a magnanimity which cannot be appreciated by the beneficiaries. Almost every one of the farms to which these pardoned traitors return will become a centre of sedition and a retreat for those still remaining in open rebellion. From these centres secret assistance will be given to those who prefer to enjoy the pleasures and profit of freebooting while it is still possible, knowing that when murdering and robbing loyalists can no longer be carried on they may hand in an old gun and settle down—forgiven. How gratifying to those who have lost everything in maintaining their loyalty.

The position Mafeking has held entitles its opinion hereon to some consideration, and it is desirable that an early appointment should be given for its expression, likewise upon the question of the future of the territories hitherto known as the South African Republic and the Orange Free State. At Cape Town, Kimberley, and, no doubt, other large centres public meetings have been held at which annexation has been determinedly advocated as the only means which the future peace and prosperity of South Africa can be secured.

### LATEST NEWS. Our Relief.

#### The British at Klerksdorp

#### ROBERTS TACKLING KROONSTAD.

News received this afternoon at 4 o'clock from Salisbury as follows:—

The "Formosa" arrived at Beira yesterday, but the news is very conflicting. The strictest censorship is evidently being exercised. The rumours (given for what they are worth) are, that Lord Methuen is at Klerksdorp, and that Lord Roberts is near Kroonstad and has given the Boers twenty-four hours to surrender.

The rebellion in the North-west of the Colony is entirely quelled.

Lord Kitchener's force has returned to De Aar.

Official information has also been received that Relief Columns are on their way from both North and South.

A runner came in to-day from Maribogo. He says that messengers who were sent to find out where the Relief force is, had not returned when informant came away. They heard it was on this side of the Vaal River. From the South some men arrived who said that the day they reached Taung they came across a Boer fort this side of that place. The Boers chased them for a considerable distance. All but one of the horses were exhausted, so they

handed their despatches to the rider of that one, who reached Taung with them. The remainder of messengers were captured, but were subsequently liberated on a letter received from the chief of Taung. When to-day's messenger reached Maritzburg he learned that the RELIEF FORCE was at Banks Drift, to the west of Border Side, on the Vaal River, and also that the Boers round Mafeking intend to await the arrival of the Relief Column and then to surrender.

The laager at Maritzburg is diminishing fast.

Young Smith is still with the Boers but is suffering from a bad attack of fever. There has been a raiding party out there recently but this must be other than Mafeking natives, as no cattle raiders have left here since the middle of last month, and Mathakong is at present Mafeking.

Personally our messenger met no Boers on the road to and from Maribogo.

#### MEMS.

At Port Elizabeth the Mayor has initiated a movement to present Colonel Baden-Powell with a handsome sword of honour in recognition of his gallant defence of Mafeking. Nearly 50 guineas have already been subscribed.

The "London Times" states that an influential section of the supporters of the Government intend to represent to Ministers the urgency of discriminating effectually and unmistakably between loyalists and rebels.

It is said that President Steyn was deposed, and the Government of the Free State was undertaken by a Provisional Committee at Kroonstad.

When President Kruger "annexed" he notified that all Free

States, who were acting upon Lord Roberts' proclamation, would be punished as rebels, "when the Free State is retaken by the Transvaal."

We regret to learn of the death, through typhoid, of Sergeant-Major Schreiner, of the C.P. D. 2, to which corps he has been attached five years. Deceased, who was much esteemed, was well known in Bechuanaland, he having been 10 years in the B.B.P. For some time he was stationed in Gordonia. Also Private C. S. Richards, who joined the C.P. D. 2 some two years ago, died last night from typhoid, complicated with pneumonia. Deceased, who had studied medicine in England, had rendered great assistance to the hospital during the Siege.

The Secretary of the Sports Fund gratefully acknowledges the receipt of following cheques in aid of the above Fund:

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|--|----------|
| Mr. Bradley ...  | £10 10 0 |
| Mr. Buchan ...   | 5 0 0    |
| War Correspondents ...                                 | 5 0 0    |
| Proceeds of Concert received from Railway Division ... | 22 8 6   |
|  | £42 18 6 |

## SOWENS.

For your morning sowens dissolve a pinch of carbonate of soda, stir it in, (if there is any fire boil up again,) shake over it a little ground ginger, cinnamon, essence of almonds, or any flavouring of a kind. — Another way:—Obtain, honestly if you can, some condensed milk, the sweetened kind, and when you have dissolved the carbonate of soda and added it to your quart of sowens stir in two tablespoons full, while the sowens is being boiled again.—On "Biscuit" or "wall plaque" days, wrap one in a piece of cloth or paper, smash it with a stone, grate it or pulverise it somehow, mix it with a pint of sowens; put some fat in a frying pan, half an inch deep at least, the more the better, it won't be wasted, you can use it next day. Wait till it boils, pour in the sowen and biscuit, not a lot at a time, separated single tablespoonsful are handier to turn over, directly the fritter looks "set" turn it over both that side, and with a pinch of salt sieged fare won't appear half so bad.

L. E. (Mrs.) WHALES.

## MAFEKING GARRISON

### GENERAL ORDERS

By Colonel R. S. S. Baden-Powell, Commanding Frontier Force.

MAFEKING, 23RD APRIL, 1900.

Field General Court Martial (confirmation of sentence).—It is notified

for general information that the Court Martial which tried Lieut. Murchison, Protectorate Regiment, found the prisoner guilty of murder and sentenced him to death.

His Excellency, the Field Marshal, Commander-in-Chief, South Africa, has been pleased to confirm the finding of the Court and to commute the sentence of death to one of penal servitude for life.

*Acetylene Lights.*—Private Walker, Bechuanaland Rifles, being no longer required for special duty in connection with the above, will return to regimental duty from Wednesday, the 25th inst. inclusive, and will be struck off extra pay accordingly.

The Colonel Commanding desires to place on record his appreciation of the good work done by Mr. Walker in fitting up search and signalling lights for the Garrison.

*Soda Water.*—Having been informed that the supply of Soda will shortly come to an end owing to lack of the necessary material, and as Soda Water is urgently needed for the sick in Hospital (fever cases etc.) the Colonel Commanding thinks it necessary to hold up all the Soda Water obtainable in town and he cannot permit any future sales until a sufficient reserve for the Hospital has been completed.

Should any person or persons devise a means by which Soda Water can be manufactured when the present stock has run out, they are requested to communicate with the D.A.A.G. (b) stating the method, how long they can keep up a supply, and what is the maximum output which they can guarantee delivery of.

The Colonel Commanding offers a bonus of £5 to the inventor.

By order,

E. H. CECIL, Major,  
Chief Staff Officer.

## REBELS AT KURUMAN.

### REV. TOM BROWN'S EXPERIENCE.

The following account of this lucky little place, may prove interesting to our readers:

The Rev. Tom Brown, of the London Missionary Society, Kuruman, has arrived in Kimberley, having been turned out of his house and home by the rebel horde at present in temporary occupation of Kuruman. Mr. Brown, (says the "Diamond Fields Advertiser," ) is well known in the district, and his experience at the hands of the worthy and godly Dutchmen is all the more noteworthy on that account.

The Boers first appeared on the scene on November 12th, having got quite close to the village before their presence was known to the inhabitants. They sent in to the Magistrate, demanding the surrender of the village, and at the same time asked the Missionaries—the Revs. Mr. Price and Mr. Brown—

for information in regard to their position. The Magistrate's reply was in the negative, while the missionaries pointed out that as ministers of religion they were neutral, and called upon the Boers to obtain this neutrality, and not to interfere with the Society's property. Families of certain traders, it may be mentioned, had come to the station for protection. The position, as was explained by Mr. Brown, was accepted by the Boers next morning. Then a number of them rode up to within about 500 yards of the station and requested an interview with him.

The Boers remained outside Kuruman for six days, when they suddenly went away. On this occasion the Boers numbered about 150, while there were fifty-five British inside, fifty-one of these being combatants. On the British side one native was killed. The losses of the Boers were unknown; our men saw several fall, but the Boers themselves denied any loss.

Some days later the Boers returned, 1,000 strong, and again sent a messenger to Mr. Brown, to whom they put some inquiries in regard to the distribution of the forces. Mr. Brown replied that none of the forces were on his station. The Boers encamped around the village, and remained there about a month. About November 15th, two of our forts were evacuated, the loss up to this time on our side being nil, while one Boer was killed, and at least two wounded.

### A SEVEN-POUNDER FROM PRETORIA.

On New Year's Day a 7-pounder arrived from Pretoria, and from this 91 shells were fired at the camp and the different forts. Towards sundown a fort commanding the water had to be surrendered, and Captain Bates followed suit shortly after. On the previous night Private Ward, of the Cape Police, was killed by a ricochet bullet, our remaining casualties being 17 wounded, while another native, a non-combatant in camp on a charge of theft, was killed.

On January 3rd the whole of the prisoners, with the exception of the wounded men, were sent to Pretoria. Dr. Beare, one Cape Policeman named Ireland, a special constable of the name of Williams, who was shot through the head but recovered, and a native boy were the only males remaining when Mr. Brown left.

(Continued from last night's Slip.)

## SHELLS.

**W**ANTED to purchase Pair 9 lb. Shells from the new gun which were fired this morning, and a 15-pounder.

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### THE Mafeking Mail.

TUESDAY, 24TH APRIL, 1900.

#### LATEST NEWS.

By the courtesy of the Colonel Commanding we are enabled to print the following:—

News to day having come by runner, is not so recent as yesterday's which came by pigeon post. It is all very vague and much delayed owing to telegraph wire between Beira and Salisbury being crowded with Railway messages (regarding the moves of General Carrington's force along the railway.)

A rumour comes from Beira that a prisoner at Pretoria has undertaken to guide an attacking force of Boers through the mines round Mafeking, and Eloff left Pretoria about the 10th, to carry out the attack. (Possibly this was the grand attack made on the 11th.)

Following from P.M.G., 12th.—“Boer guns are located at Fourteen Streams, and heavy firing is going on there. Methuen's Forces are reported to be moving in direction of Hoopstad. Boer sources state that British loss at De Wets Dorp was 1,000 killed and wounded, 459 prisoners. Heavy fighting at Wepener, result unknown. Weather too cloudy for helio. Boers attacked Buller at Elandslaagte. He is stated to have retired on Ladysmith.”

As we have since heard from Lord Roberts about our Relief Force starting South, it seems probable that these rumoured successes of the Boers (which, it should be noted, are from Boer sources) are in reality successful feints on our part to draw them away from their main body and to leave us concentrated to go for their centre at Kroonstad, and break them up.

#### ST. JOHN'S, MAFEKING.

##### EASTER VESTRY MEETING.

This meeting, which was held on Saturday last, April 21st, the Rev. W. H. Weekes, pastor, presiding, included amongst those present: Messrs. Beasley, Bolus, Firth, Grayson, Hall, Heale, Jones and Urry.

The minutes of the preceding meeting having been read and con-

firmed, the chairman said he thought the condition (of beleaguement) under which the meeting was held made it unique. It was a subject for congratulation that during the whole bombardment not one of the church officers had been lost, but since the last meeting a regrettable loss to the church had occurred in the death of his Lordship, the Bishop of Bloemfontein. Whether this would affect the speaker's position, remained to be seen. The services held during the siege were well attended, in fact the church had often been crowded. This may have been partly due to the fact that there had been no regular services held at the Wesleyan Church. A great many of the Protectorate Regiment had attended constantly. The number of burials were, of course, sadly in excess of the previous year. No less than 60 of the garrison having fallen during the war. So far as visiting was concerned, it was easy to understand that no regular visiting was practicable under bombardment. The Sunday School had been open since January, but the attendance was somewhat disappointing, this might probably be put down to the counter attractions offered by various entertainments at which it would not be just to take exception, seeing how necessary such relaxation was to people confined as they had been from one end of the week to another. Although the attendance of three-quarters of an hour should not have been begrudged, seeing that is all the education the children could avail themselves of. Regarding the need of increased accommodation, in view of the growing population of Mafeking, it was evident that a new church would be required. He hoped to collect for this object during a visit home, which, if he can secure an efficient substitute, would take him away from the congregation some six months. He could not conclude his remarks without tending his thanks to the Church officers, Sunday School teachers, choir, and Mr. Grayson, the organist. Messrs. Cole and Fisher had left the town since last meeting. He must also refer to the Native Church congregation, which was progressing most satisfactorily, natives and half caste working well together, and in financial matters, paying their way. He thanked the congregation for their kind forbearance and mutual

trust during the trying year just passed.

The balance sheet, which shows an excess of income over expenditure of £84 13s. 11d and a balance at the bank of £51 17s. 3d., was taken as read.

Mr. Bosley proposed that a Thanksgiving Service should be held on the Relief of Mafeking, and that the offertory should be set aside for a New Church Building Fund.

Mr. Weekes said he had thought of it and suggested a-king the Vicar-General to allow the offerings, or at least a portion of them, from all the churches throughout the Colony on the occasion of Thanksgiving Services for the Relief, to be given for the same purpose.

The following officers were appointed for the ensuing year:—

Churchwardens: Messrs. R. Urry and S. Hall. Sidesmen: Messrs. Firth, Heale, Jolly, Jones, Purchase and Stenson.

Votes of thanks were passed to Retiring Officers; the Ladies' Work Association; the Sunday School Teachers; the Choir and Organist, and to the Subscribers to the Sustentation Fund. The meeting then dissolved.

#### THE SIEGE EXHIBITION,

Inaugurated by Mr. De Kock, and held on March 25th, 1900, resulted in a surplus (after several pounds had been presented as supplementary prizes) of no less than £12 2s. 9d., which was unanimously voted by the Committee to the funds of the Band of the Bechuanaland Rifles. This Band, which though only initiated a few months before the start of the Siege has, under its capable Band Sergeant, Trooper C. Turbridge, of the B.S.A.P., afforded healthy recreation and amusement both prior to, and during the Siege. It is not generally known that the Band is entirely an amateur one. During the Siege its expenses have been going on whilst it has never received any revenue. We are therefore pleased that the Siege Exhibition Committee has recognised the Band's cheery assistance to relieve the monotony of Siege life, and have voted their surplus to this most deserving Institution, thus considerably reducing its liabilities, which amounted to about £25.



# MAFEKING GARRISON

## GENERAL ORDERS.

By Colonel R. S. S. Baiten-Powell,  
Commanding Frontier Force.

MAFEKING, 24TH APRIL, 1900.

In order to benefit men in outlying forts and to equalize better the distribution of available meat, private purchase of meat will be henceforward forbidden both at Ellitson's Shop and the Slaughter Poles.

In lieu thereof the ration for women and children (over 14 years of age) will be increased to 1 pound. The livers and other parts hitherto privately sold will in future be added, free, to the men's rations, going to each fort in turn.

Attention is drawn to previous orders forbidding private sales of meat and of fresh vegetables. Any owner who, after this warning, is found to have disposed of any of his stock without previous reference to Capt. Ryan, will be liable to have the whole or a part of the remainder of his stock confiscated. Purchasers will similarly be liable to trial by Court of Summary Jurisdiction for disobedience of orders.

These orders are made entirely in the interests of this community, and it is hoped that any breach of them will be brought to notice of Colonel Commanding by those who have the good of the defence at heart.

**Sugar.**—Sufficient sugar exists in the command to enable a present issue of 1oz. ration for some considerable time, but there is no margin to admit of sufficient sugar being issued in such quantities as are absolutely necessary for the comfort of women and children (particularly young children), an appeal is therefore made to officers and men willing to forego their daily sugar ration. O.C. Corps and units are requested to note the names of any men willing to either entirely forego their ration, or accept  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. in lieu of 1 oz., and reduce their indulgence accordingly. The sugar thus saved will be strictly applied to supply the wants of women and children, and hospitals.

**Sowens Issues.**—As there appears to be some misunderstanding regarding the persons entitled to receive Sowens daily, the following classes rule the issues:—

**Class A.**—Whites and natives bearing arms, 1 quart of Sowens free daily. (It should be understood that 1 quart free Sowens does not apply to all persons, men, women and children, who may happen to be in receipt of the reduced bread or biscuit ration, but only to those men actually bearing arms).

**Class B.**—Natives in receipt of Government Native Ration, which will consist of 1 quart Sowens free, in addition to the 4 oz. meat.

**Class C.**—Whites in poverty-stricken circumstances receiving a free issue.

**Class D.**—Whites desirous of purchasing, and who are not in either Class A or C.

**Class E.**—Natives desirous of purchasing any balance that may remain.

Soup and horse flesh will be provided for native consumption, such natives as are in a poverty-stricken condition will receive free issues, but no Sowens.

By Order,  
E. H. CECIL, Major,  
Chief Staff Officer.

## "ACROSTIC."

Some replies have been left at the "Mail" office by hand. Will the senders kindly fetch and have them posted on or before Wednesday next.

## THE UNITED EMPIRE.

Air: "The British Grenadiers."

Our heroes of antiquity are looking down with pride  
At the Lion and the Lion's cubs now fighting side by side;  
The lands they took, and English made, now answer to the call  
Of liberty for Englishmen where'er their lot may fall.

If England's star is now extinct as foreign nations say,  
There's a greater, mightier Britain horn, and growing every day.  
Once England fought in tiny ships but kept the Spanish main,  
Now English fleets throughout the world the mastery retain.

Our greatest fights are fought at sea, but sometimes still on land  
The mother of great nations must yet her foes withstand;  
Her children feel the unuttered call and around her quickly form,  
And Greater Britain proudly stands to calmly face the storm.

F.G.B.

## REBELS AT KURUMAN.

REV. TOM BROWN'S EXPERIENCE.

(Continued from last night's Slip.)

The Dutchmen at present in Kuruman are all British subjects. In Kuruman itself there are about 50, and in the district about 100.

The position of neutrality of all those living on the London Missionary Society Station was observed up to February 22nd, when Mr. Brown's cattle and wagon were commandeered. He refused to hand over the cattle, stating that as a minister of religion he was exempt from all the provisions of the commandeering law. In response

he received a letter informing him that if he did not deliver the cattle commandeered, together with a driver, the martial law of the South African Republic would be strictly adhered to. To this message Mr. Brown vouchsafed no reply, nor did he send the cattle. On the following day he received a further communication informing him that he must immediately hand the cattle over, otherwise his person would be arrested under the provisions of the law. The cattle were not handed over, and the next morning the officer in command of the rebels in occupation of the place, with about 40 armed men, appeared upon the scene. The officer told Mr. Brown that he had come to arrest him for refusing to comply with the provisions of the law. Mr. Brown inquired how he could be arrested, being a minister of religion. The officer replied that his arrest was due to the fact that he had refused to comply with the commandeering law of the South African Republic, adding that he would be taken to the gaol at Kuruman, and afterwards to Vryburg.

MR. BROWN AND THE BURGHERS.

Mr. Brown requested permission to speak to the burghers, to whom he pointed out that it was contrary to the rule of civilised nations to commandeer either the person or property of missionaries. The burghers replied that if he refused to consent he must be compelled to do so. Mr. Brown again protested, reminding them that they all knew him to be a minister, and that the Commandant of the Free State forces who had taken possession of Kuruman, had recognised the Society's neutrality. Mr. Brown further pointed out that he had personally assisted them in their hospital, and once again protested against their action, the more especially as each man in the band knew him personally, and that he had most strictly adhered to his neutrality, which he still wished to do if they would permit him. In the end they decided to leave him in his house on parole while they sent a statement of the case to their, so-called, Government. The rebels told him that a reply would probably be received either on the Tuesday or Wednesday following. On the Monday Mrs. Brown wrote a private letter to a lady friend, in which she gave an account of her husband's arrest, concluding with the remark, "I hope the British troops will soon be here, or the band we have around us will clear us out." The native to whom this letter was entrusted was captured by the rebels, searched, and the letter found, with the result that a despatch was sent to Vryburg informing the Transvaal officials there of the letter and its contents.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

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Wednesday, April 25th, 1900. 195th Day of Siege

### THE Mafeking Mail.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH APRIL, 1900.

#### MEMS.

We have no patience with folks who make trouble out of rumours and pull a long face because Tomkins told them that Potkins said someone thought that Boers believed they were going to beat the English. We want to keep our spirits up, and Editors are but human beings, although this, as a fact in Natural History, is generally not recognised, and it is depressing to hear, on an empty stomach, a hideous tale of terrible defeat, and have it reproachfully suggested that it is our desire to keep from publicity the awful knowledge of an imaginary something. Particularly irritating it is when tracking the canard to its lair. (By the way we don't know whether a "canard," even when a layer, has a lair, but the simile will be understood) we find it is nothing but the Boer orgn's lies about an unimportant reconnaissance. Read the "slips" and take no notice of special-information-straight-tips founded upon—talk.

A monumental erection, in brass, ought to be set up to remind unborn generations of the illustrious Chief Insulter Eloff, and his stupendous attack upon Mafeking on the never-to-be-forgotten April 25th, 1900. The guns, ammunition, emplacements and men were long previously on the spot, but the important preparations, such as calling the men together, and explaining how he, the C. I. Eloff, would surround his name with yet greater glory than that gained at the——bar in Johannesburg, and improving on the antiquated and futile methods of captured Cronje, he would utterly astonish the Sowensfilled rooineks, shut up in Mafeking, (in these explanations and the accompanying gesticulations a celebrated scientist has calculated that the heroic "C. I." expended no less than one hundred and fifty-two and a fifteenth horse-power.) After several days occupied in these preparations, the day on which his prowess was to be exhibited arrived, and, directly daylight appeared, the noise made by the artillery was swe-

inspiring, in fact, so great was the awe inspired, that, until he was gently reminded by a knock in the middle of his back with the butt of a Mauser, the noble C.I., (like many other great men somewhat absent-minded) had forgotten it was towards Mafeking he should turn his face. He had been thinking the day had come for which he had made an assignation with a barmaid, miles away from the noise, and was about, unselfishly, to sacrifice his chance of crowning himself with laurels, to keep his appointment, when, reminded of his promise, he started forward holdly. Cheering his faithful hurghers to the attack he brought them, in spite of the terrible danger, close within three miles of the enemy. There he made his array of dead shots point their Mausers, as well as they could, towards the ill-fated town, and fire round after round—in the air. Then most gallantly they rode away in time for breakfast lest the Verdome Rooinek becoming cnraged, should issue forth and chase them away. So, he struck terror into the hearts of the English and loudly should his praises be sung; but if it had not been for these brutal British firing with a Maxim gun right in the direction of the hurghers, he might have led his men perhaps up to within two miles of the enemy.

Miss Coker, formerly teacher at the Mafeking Public School, has opened a school for young children, at the residence of Mr. Musson, an enterprise which deserves encouragement.

The University Boat Race was won by Cambridge, and the Grand National was taken by the Prince of Wales' Ambush.

"Got last night's 'Slip'?"  
"Yes sir, here it is."  
"Thanks! pass that chair over."  
Sits; reads "Slip" through; lays it down; politely wishes "good morning"; and retires.  
That's what we work fifteen hours per day for.

#### THE MONSTER PHOTOGRAPH OF THE SIEGE.

All those who have never been in a siege before and are not desirous of being in another, are requested to roll up wearing their Sowens and Sausage.

#### REBELS AT KURUMAN.

REV. TOM BROWN'S EXPERIENCE.

(Continued from last night's Slip.)

##### ORDERED TO LEAVE.

On March 5th a reply came to the inquiries made by the rebels as to Mr. Brown's position, the Magistrate of Vryburg stating that, inasmuch as Mr. Brown would not help the Transvaal with his property, he was unfriendly to them, while his wife had also shown her unfriendliness in writing in the strain she had. He also added that no one was exempt from the commandeering law, not even ministers of religion, and ordered Mr. Brown to leave the country, at a few hour's notice, with his wife and family, to be sent with a patrol to Vryburg. The commanding officer, in communicating the terms of the Vryburg Magistrate's reply, at first suppressed the fact that Mr. Brown was at liberty to leave, and only did so on that gentleman demanding to see a copy of his instructions. Mr. Brown pointed out that his wife was very ill, and for her to be forced to travel was a risky proceeding. Notwithstanding all his protests, he was told that he and his wife and family must clear out. Mr. Brown then asked them about his property, to which the officer replied that the Transvaal Government would look after that, adding that all British subjects who had not taken the oath of allegiance would also be cleared out. Finally Mr. Brown was allowed forty-eight hours in which to get ready to leave, and shortly before the expiration of that time he received a letter from the officer, in which he informed him that as he had not said where he was going, a patrol would be ready to take him to Vryburg. Mr. Brown informed him that he was ready to go to the border, and that he hoped to get the English at Barkly. The officer said that he was a fool to believe that Kimberley had been relieved, that the British were in possession of Barkly West, and that Cronje had suffered defeat.

##### PANIC AMONGST THE DUTCHMEN.

Mr. Brown left Kuruman on March 8, and arrived at Barkly on March 14. All along the road he found evidence of panic amongst the

Dutchmen. In the Daniel's Kuil district this was especially noticeable, and the Special Justice of the Peace, who had joined the Boers, had fled. All along the Kaap range the Boers had left, although in certain places they were still to be found in small bodies. Mr. Brown expresses the hope that a few troops will soon be sent into the district, as the English inhabitants of these frontier villages are entirely in the hands of the rebels.

Mr. Brown is naturally very indignant at the treatment meted out to him, and wishes it to be clearly understood that notwithstanding all the assurances given by the "Federal" Presidents, British subjects have been commandeered to carry arms, whilst some have been imprisoned and sent to Pretoria for refusing to do so.

## Military Tournament AND

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All Entries must reach Maj. Panzera or the Hon. Secretary before 8 p.m., Friday, 27th inst.

## PROGRAMME :

PART 1ST.

1.—THE SMARTEST TURNED OUT SOLDIER, Drill Order. Mounted. 1st prize, 30s. 2nd prize 10s.

2.—do. do. do. Dismounted. 1st prize 30s. 2nd prize 10s.

JUDGES:—Lt. Col. Hore, Lt. Col. Walford. REFEREE: Major Goid-Adams.

3.—BAYONET vs. BAYONET. Pairs. 1st prize £2, 2nd do. £1.

JUDGES:—Major Godley, Captain Fitz-Clarence. Sergt-Major Gwynne.

4.—SWORD vs. SWORD, Mounted. 1st prize £2, 2nd do. £1.

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5.—FENCING. 1st prize £2, 2nd prize £1.

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6.—BALACLAVA MELEE, Six a side. 1st prize £3, 2nd prize £1 10s.

JUDGES:—Major Baillie, Squadron Sergt. Major Wyllie.

7.—WRESTLING AND STICK FIGHTING. Colonial and Native Corps. 1st prize £1, 2nd prize 15/-, 3rd prize 10/-, 4th prize 5/-.

JUNOES:—Lieut-Col. Hore, Lieut-Col. Walford.

PART 2ND.

1.—FINAL HEATS IN ALL ABOVE EVENTS.

2.—BAYONET EXERCISE, Squads of six. Single rank. 1st prize £3, 2nd prize 30/-.

JUDGES:—Lieut-Col. Hore, Lieut-Col. Walford, Major Godley. Major Lord E. Cecil.

3.—LANCE EXERCISE, Sections (4). Dismounted. 1st prize £2, 2nd prize £1.

JUDGE:—Capt. Lord C. Bentinck.

4.—SWORD EXERCISE, Sections (4). Dismounted. 1st prize £2, 2nd prize £1.

JUDGES:—Captain Wilson, Capt. Lord C. Bentinck, Sqd. Sergt. Maj. Wyllie.

5.—HEADS AND POSTS. With Jumps. 1st prize £2, 2nd prize £1, 3rd prize 10/-.

JUDGES:—Major Baillie, Captain Wilson, Captain Lord C. Bentinck.

6.—VICTORIA CROSS RACE. 1st prize £2, 2nd prize £1.

JUNOES:—Lieut-Col. Walford, Captain Fitz-Clarence, Sergt. Major Gwynne.

*Lady Sarah Wilson has kindly consented to present the Prizes.*

## Under the Patronage of

COLONEL R. S. S. BADEN-POWELL  
AND OFFICERS OF THE GARRISON,

## A GRAND

## Boxing Entertainment

WILL BE GIVEN ON

**SUNDAY, MAY 6th, 1900,**

AT THE

RECREATION GROUND.

*The following events have been arranged:—*

1.—A Ten-round Competition for a Gold Medal, for men up to 10 st.

2.—Match between two first-class light-weights, for a Gold Medal and the Championship of the Mafeking Siege.

3.—Competition for men up to 9 st 7 lbs.

4.—Contest for amateurs, all comers, for a Silver Medal.

**BIRTH.**—On February 11th, at Wyulberg, the wife of W. A. HAMPSON of a son.

## Australasians' Photograph.

ALL members of the Garrison, Australasian born, who desire to be represented in the group to be taken on Sunday morning next, 29th inst., are requested to band in their names, together with that of the Colony in which they were born, and the name of the Corps in which they are at present serving, to Private JOHN DONIE, Bechuanaaland Rifles, Town Hall.

## MAFEKING GARRISON

## GENERAL ORDERS

*By Colonel R. S. S. Baden-Powell,  
Commanding Frontier Force.*

MAFEKING, 24TH APRIL, 1900.

*Ration Returns.*—Instances have been brought to the notice of the Col. Commanding, of men admitted to Hospital not having been struck off the ration roster of their Units. As this causes great confusion and renders it impossible to issue the correct number of rations, O.C. Corps and Units and Fort Commanders are requested to exercise the greatest care in this matter to avoid further mistakes.

*Cattle (Registration & Branding).*—All persons who registered cattle, etc., with Capt. Ryan, D.A.A.G. (b), under General Order of 17th inst., are required, as soon as possible, to have such cattle marked with a distinctive brand, and to send to that officer, by the 27th inst., at 10 a.m., the description of the brand or mark, to facilitate the tracing of animals. Animals unbranded or unnumbered are, as stated in the order referred to, liable to confiscation.

*Galvanized Iron Bins.*—The Imperial Authorities are desirous of purchasing, or hiring, a small number of the above for the purpose of preserving sugar in the store. Persons having any, will please notify Captain Ryan, D.A.A.G. (b).

MAFEKING, 25TH APRIL, 1900.

*Souvens Issue.*—With reference to General Order of the 26th inst., Class D. should read as follows:—Whites desirous of purchasing any balance which may remain, and who are not in either Class A. or C.

By order,

E. H. CECIL, Major,  
Chief Staff Officer.

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### THE Mafeking Mail.

THURSDAY, 26TH APRIL, 1900.

#### LATEST NEWS.

By the courtesy of the Colonel Commanding we are enabled to print the following information:—

Two messengers who had been sent out, returned this morning, and report as follows:—

The Relief Column had been at Fourteen Streams for some time. A few days ago they tackled the Boer fort and were unsuccessful. They then went round to Riverton and crossed the river before the Boers were aware of it, came back again, and attacked and broke up the Boer Laager, which was then moved to Phokwani. The Boers subsequently discovered that the British were following them up, and they retired towards Banksdrift, where they are reported to be still. The British have occupied Phokwani.

The rebels at Rietfontein were going to send a force to Pitsani, but as they have since heard that Colonel Plumer has armed the natives of that place, they have asked the Boers to accompany them.

All the Boers round Mafeking at present number 4,200.

Two Scouts returned this morning, and reported that exactly half of the Western Boer Laager has moved to the Border. It is said that their oxen used to stop at the Border, but they have now been brought back, presumably to remove the remainder of the Laager. The

Boers are employed in gathering poles from the Native villages in the neighbourhood, and are going to use them as posts for their horses at the Border. These poles are not off-loaded, and appeared to be ready to be passed on. The Boers report that the Column from the South has crossed the Vaal River, but they do not state where it is.

Many women and children who left Mafeking and were too weak to travel very far during the first night, and who were subsequently discovered by the Boers, have been allowed to go on.

#### MEMS.

Mr. Pakeman, the Johannesburg Editor, who was arrested, died at Ladysmith, fighting.

The London *Daily Mail* says: "The British losses at Ladysmith are far smaller than was anticipated."

Amongst other items referring to the interest our position has excited, we learn that from sunny Nice a thousand pounds of tobacco and pipes have been despatched, the kind present to the garrison from Mr. Edward Hore, who, we believe, is a brother of our Lieut.-Colonel Hore, of the Prot. Regiment.

#### FOR SALE

124-Pounder Krupp. Perfect Specimen, Shrapnel. Offers: Apply this office.

# MAFEKING GARRISON

## GENERAL ORDERS

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MAFEKING, 25TH APRIL, 1900.

*Notice.*—With reference to the Notice appearing in to-night's slip concerning proposed photographic group, of all those of European descent who have left their respective properties and situations in the Transvaal and Free State, and have taken up arms for the defence of Mafeking, to be taken next Sunday, at 10 o'clock, at the Railway Workshops. O.C. Corps and Units are requested to give every possible facility to those under their command to attend.

*Powers of Commanding Officers.*—It is notified to all concerned that Officers Commanding the following Corps, viz: Colonial Contingent, Native Contingent, and Black Watch, have the same powers of punishment as those laid down in Standing Orders, Frontier Force, for Squadron Officers, viz., power to award imprisonment up to 5 days or equivalent Field Punishment; fine up to £1, in addition to minor punishments, such as extra guards, fatigues, etc. Privates to have the usual right of appeal to the O.C. the Section of the Defence in which they are serving.

*Board of Officers.*—A Board of Officers, composed as follows, will assemble at such place and time as the President may appoint to inspect and report upon certain damaged clothing, kit, etc., on charge of the Cape Police, D. 1.

*PRESIDENT:* Capt. Lord C. Bentineck, Protectorate Regiment.

*MEMBERS:* A Subaltern, B.S.A.P. A Subaltern, Bechuanaland Rifles.

Proceedings, in duplicate, to be forwarded to the O.C. Cape Police, for transmission to the C.S.O.

*General Alarm Signal.*—The Col. Commanding wishes O.C. Corps and Units and Fort Commanders to see that all under their respective commands thoroughly understand that simultaneous prolonged ringing of the bells, combined with trumpets sounding the "Alarm," will in future be the General Alarm Signal in case of attacks. Definite orders as to turning out and standing to arms, etc., should be issued, so that men know exactly what to do in case of a "General Alarm."

*Fuel.*—It is proposed to make a small additional issue to enable men in outlying trenobes to light small fires on cold nights, also to cook such additional coffee as it may be found possible to issue in lieu of Dop. O.C. Corps and Units will please state what their weekly requirements are likely to be for this purpose.

Fuel should not be asked for if it is possible to obtain or cut it in the immediate vicinity of any outlying trench.

MAFEKING, 26TH APRIL, 1900.

*Notice.*—*Military Tournament.*—Regulations and conditions for competitors; part 1, Event No. 3, Bayonet vs. Bayonet, the competition will be for best of three bouts.

*Mafeking Gaol.*—The Chief Staff Officer, Frontier Force, to be Chief Officer, Mafeking Gaol, to date from 13th October, 1899.

*A.S.C. Appointment.*—Mr. Tighe to be Inspector of Meat & Rations. A.S.C., instead of Superintendent of Sieving Room, as stated in General Order, No. 4, of 15th inst.

*Sowen Rations.*—*Drawing of.*—In consequence of the enormous amount of work entailed by the distribution of Sowens at the Kitchens, it has been decided that O.C.s Regiments and Corps, must draw the amount for their respective Units in bulk, and distribute regimentally. Regimental arrangements must be made for the necessary transport and the carts must call at Lippmann's Yard (or wherever the supply centre for the Unit may be) at 7 a.m. daily.

*Supplies.*—*Sowens Issue.*—General Order No. 5, of yesterday's permitting the purchase, by Whites, of balance of Sowens, is hereby cancelled.

By Order,  
E. H. CECIL Major,  
Chief Staff Officer.

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1.—FINAL HEATS IN ALL ABOVE EVENTS.

2.—RAYONET EXERCISE, Squads of six. Single rank. 1st prize £3, 2nd prize 30/-.

JUDGES:—Lieut-Col. Hore, Lieut-Col. Walford, Major Godley, Major Lord E. Cecil.

3.—LANCE EXERCISE, Sections (4). Dismounted. 1st prize £2, 2nd prize £1.

JUDGES:—Capt. Lord C. Bentineck.

4.—SWORD EXERCISE, Sections (4). Dismounted. 1st prize £2, 2nd prize £1.

JUDGES:—Captain Wilson, Capt. Lord C. Bentineck, Sqd. Sergt. Maj. Wyllie.

5.—HEADS AND POSTS, With Jumps. 1st prize £2, 2nd prize £1, 3rd prize 10/-.

JUDGES:—Major Baillie, Captain Wilson, Captain Lord C. Bentineck.

6.—VICTORIA CROSS RACE. 1st prize £2, 2nd prize £1.

JUDGES:—Lieut-Col. Walford, Captain Fitz-Clarence, Sergt. Major Gwynne.

Lady Sarah Wilson has kindly consented to present the Prizes.

## Photograph of Refugees.

ALL those of European descent who left their respective properties and situations in the Transvaal or Free State, and took up arms for the Old Flag, in defence of Mafeking, are requested to attend at the Railway Workshops, on Sunday morning next, the 29th inst., at 10 o'clock. All members of the Refugee Laager and Refugees, with the Town Guard are requested to turn up with their rifles and bandoliers. It is understood that all Refugees enrolled in the other branches of the garrison will do the same.

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Friday, April 27th, 1900.

197th Day of Siege

THE  
Mafeking Mail.

FRIDAY, 27TH APRIL, 1900.

### LATEST NEWS.

By the courtesy of the Colonel Commanding we are enabled to print the following information:—

From His Excellency the High Commissioner to His Honour the Resident Commissioner.

April 17th.

Your letter, March 17th, just received. I agree that prompt payment of compensation after relief is all important, and Government fully recognises this. Feeling so strong about Mafeking, both here and at Durban, after the splendid defence, that I think that everything possible that can be done, will be done to set it on its legs again as quickly as possible.

I fear Plumer's inability to reach you, and the long delay in sending you help from here, must have greatly depressed you. It was a terrible disappointment to us here; as after the capture of Bloemfontein, everybody expected a speedy movement northward. Delay is entirely due to breakdown of our horses after Lord Roberts' big marches, which paralysed him and gave the enemy fresh courage, but big effort is now being made to reach you, both from the North and South, and if you can hold out three or at the most four weeks, I think that we must get through.

From Colonel Baden-Powell,  
To Field Marshal Lord Roberts:

"After two hundred days of Siege I desire to bring to Your Lordship's notice the exceptionally good spirits and loyalty that prevails all classes of this Garrison. The patience of everybody in Mafeking—the best of things under a long strain of anxiety, hardships and privations—is beyond all praise and has been a revelation to me. The men, half of whom are unaccustomed to the use of arms, have adapted themselves to their duties with the greatest zeal and

readiness, and the pluck and devotion of women are remarkable. With such spirits our organization runs like clock work, and I have every hope will pull us successfully through."

Two runners came from the North this morning. They were outside from Wednesday morning, but state that they have been continually driven back by the Boers, until last night, when they tried to come in round the south of Signal Hill, and succeeded.

Some Despatch Riders reached Plumer's Camp on Wednesday. The Relief Column, they say, is still at the Vaal River, but will reach Mafeking, at all events, on Queen's Birthday. It was reported in Camp that a column has reached Salisbury from Beira; this column left Salisbury again for South on Tuesday. The men were so glad that they simply told everybody, although they were cautioned not to mention it.

The Bahurutsches are all anxiously awaiting relief as much as we are waiting for it. The Boers are now commanding very hard for men to come and help them in Mafeking, but the Bahurutsches are scattering in every direction. Some hide in the mountains with the hope that the Troops will find them before they are discovered by the enemy, some go to Colonel Plumer's Camp.

The man who told the Boers about Mathakong's cattle is a Kalahari, named Moleleki. He saw them when they left, he told the Boers everything about the Baralong intention of stopping two days at Tlapeng in order to puzzle the Boers, and also of the night the cattle were going to be rushed through. 'This

Kalahari was once fined two oxen by the late Chief Montsioa, for insulting a Morolong woman, and when questioned by his friends, he said that was why he gave our cattle away to the Boers.

The big gun, after leaving here, stopped a few days at Zeerust undergoing repairs.

A despatch runner coming from Kimberley, was arrested by the Boers last week and sentenced to death and shot by the Boers in the Langer at Koi-koi. One of the Riders, at present in gaol at Zeerust, is also to be shot as soon as he is well. Only one of them has been killed and nine wounded, after they killed 12 Boers.

The Runners think if some men are always sent out in the evening to kill any Boers who may be waiting for the Runners and women coming out of Mafeking, they could easily do so, as the Boers do not appear to expect any danger when they are guarding at night.

### MEMS.

Her Majesty the Queen is on a visit to Ireland. She met with an enthusiastic reception at Kingstown, and was driven through Phoenix Park. It has been decided that an Irish Footguard Regiment is to be formed.

An attempt was made in Brussels to assassinate the Prince of Wales by one Spido. An accomplice is also arrested.

In the House of Commons Mr. Wyndham stated, that the report that General Sir George White is to be superseded, is without foundation.

On Wednesday evening Councillor H. H. Bradley and Mrs. Bradley entertained all the War Correspondents and representatives of the press, present in the Garrison, at the Surrey Hotel, where a recherche dinner was provided. The news-



papers represented were: "The Times," "Morning Post," "Daily Mail," "Pall Mall," "Black and White," "Cape Times," "Kimberley Advertiser," "Bulawayo Chronicle," "Port Elizabeth Herald," and the "Salisbury Times," besides the numbers in all the parts of the world represented by "Reuter's Special." After dinner, music was indulged in till a late hour, and when the company broke up, several voices were heard in the Market Square declaring, with peculiar cadence, "There never, never was another such night."

Arrivals by train from Beira (to Salisbury) on April 17th, say a telegram had been received at Delagoa Bay, reporting a complete victory, about the 11th inst., by Lord Methuen, over the Boers at Fourteen Streams. The Boers are reported to have lost 1,400 killed, wounded, and prisoners. Our casualties must have been heavy. A rumour is afloat that 400 Irish Rifles were captured.

Ten miles from Jacobabad, when General Villebois was killed and 54 Boers taken prisoners, three squadrons of the Kimberley Mounted Corps and three companies of the Imperial Yeomanry, carried a very strong position at the point of the bayonet.

The "Euryalus," with 370 Bushmen, and horses, arrived at Beira on April 11th (or 12th).

At Ballarat a movement has been inaugurated to invite Lord Roberts to Australia at the close of the war.

President Louhet says war between France and England is impossible.

The "Independence Belge" says, a secret treaty between Germany and Great Britain will shortly be published. It is arranged on the basis of the annexation of both the Republics.

Steps have been taken for the speedy return of the River Diggers in Barkly West, to their homes; which they were compelled to evacuate.

From Gaberones, April 17th, we learn that a native runner, sent South by Col. Plumer, says that a British column has crossed the Vaal River, and was expected to reach Taunsa on April 13th.

In the fight in which Villebois was killed "Everything fell into our hands. The bulk of the prisoners are Frenchmen. Mr. Coleman, nephew of the Town Councillor at Kimberley, of same name, was amongst the Boers."

It is said that Sir Charles Parson's force captured 200 Kenhardt prisoners. The report adds: "They were surprised." This we are not inclined to doubt.—Ed.

Cronje, with other prisoners has arrived at St. Helena; four were ill with small-pox.

It is said that on April 3rd the Boers held a strong position on Modder River, and were supposed to be about 15,000 strong. This may be a Boer account.

The last runners in found more Boers patrolling near Col. Plumer's position than formerly.

On the eve of Cronje's surrender, which, may it ever be remembered, was on Majuba Day. A wire appeared in the "Canard Riggers News" about him, saying he was in a strong position and that no anxiety was felt in official circles as to the probable outcome of the next few days.

Dr. Batchelor wired to Mr. Rhodes on the relief of Kimberley, "All's well that ends well." The Hon. Cecil replied, "True, but sometimes the road is rather long." So says "Mat."

As regards certain preparations at Pretoria, a correspondent of the "Times of Natal" says: "Continuous series of barbed wire fences are being placed round Pretoria, intersected with entanglements. Immense orders have been placed with Delagoa Bay firms for all round provisions for two years." So we shall be all right for scoff.

Apropos of the refining influence of wives, sweethearts, and mothers of our Dopper foe the "Bulawayo Chronicle" says they, the Boer women, are now advocating that each woman who has lost a husband or brother, shall have her pick of a British prisoner to take out and shoot. We wonder, says the "B. C.," whether the Boers are not more afraid of their womankind than of us.

Here is a useful suggestion for anyone likely to be in quod. "Leading inhabitants (of Mafeking) should, at the end of the siege, be given a certificate setting forth the number of days they were confined there, so that in case they get into trouble afterwards, the Judge or Magistrate could credit him with the amount."

### Lost or Stolen.

£1 SIEGE NOTE, No 179. Finder, or any information, will be rewarded.—H. office.

### Naval Photograph.

THE plate taken last Sunday turned out a failure, so please roll up again, same place, but at 8 a.m. instead of 7, on Sunday next.

W. MOORE.

## Photograph of Refugees

WITH reference to the above, anyone requiring copies of the photograph should give their names to the following, stating the number of copies required:—

Mr. DOBIE, Bechd. Rifles.

CORPL. HEAD, Prot. Regt.

C. METTAM, Refugee Laager

C. WHITFIELD, Town Guard

MR. MONTAGUE, De Kock's Corner.

The price of the copies will be 5s. each for 10 x 8 in. size, if a sufficient number of that size are applied for; or 6s. each if the number required is not sufficient to make the cheaper price possible.

### AUSTRALIANS' PHOTOGRAPH,

THE above photograph will be taken at the Railway Workshops, at 9 a.m. on Sunday, 29th inst. You are requested to wear your belt and bandolier.

### Military Tournament

AND

## Assault-at-Arms

By kind permission of Colonel

R. S. S. Baden-Powell,

TO BE HELD AT

MAFEKING (Recreation Ground),

— ON —

SUNDAY, APRIL 29TH, 1900,

Commencing: Morning, 10-15.  
Afternoon, 2-15.

ENTRANCE TO ALL EVENTS FREE.

Programmes with List of Entries, price 6d., will be ready to-morrow.

Lady Sarah Wilson has kindly consented to present the Prizes.

The following Event has been added to the programme:—

8.—LETTER CARRYING COMPETITION (CADET CORPS). 1st Prize £1 10/-, 2nd prize £1, 3rd prize 15/-, 4th prize 10/-.

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Saturday, April 28th, 1900.

198th Day of Siege

### THE Mafeking Mail.

SATURDAY, 28TH APRIL, 1900.

#### LATEST NEWS.

By the courtesy of the Colonel Commanding we are enabled to print the following:—

General Carrington, with Staff and Canadian Artillery, arrived at Beira on the 23rd, and will come through at once to Bulawayo.

We reprint to-day the letter from the High Commissioner; and that from Colonel Baden-Powell to Lord Roberts; because, owing to badly written copy, compositors' vagaries, and no proof reader, such alterations were made to the text that their authors would probably not have recognised their own writing.

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can hold out three or at the most, four weeks, I think that we must get through.

Except for our anxiety on your account the military outlook all round is the most hopeful we have had yet.

From Colonel Baden-Powell,  
To Field Marshal Lord Roberts:

"After two hundred days of Siege I desire to bring to Your Lordship's notice the exceptionally good spirit and loyalty that pervades all classes of this Garrison. The patience of everybody in making the best of things under the long strain of anxiety, hardships and privations is beyond all praise, and has been a revelation to me. The men, half of whom are unaccustomed to the use of arms, have adapted themselves to their duties with the greatest zeal and readiness; and the pluck and devotion of women are remarkable. With such spirits our organization runs like clock work, and will, I have every hope, pull us successfully through."

#### PRIZE FOR COOKING SOWENS

A prize, particulars of which we shall publish on Monday, is offered for the Best Recipe for the above.

The recipes must reach the Mail office by noon on Wednesday next. The recipes will be tested as in the case of the following competition.

Prizes are also offered for the best recipe for COOKING AND MAKING THE BEST OF THE PRESENT DAILY RATION, without any extras. Additional marks will be given to those who show a good way of increasing the bulk of the food. Recipes to be sent in to the Editor by 1st May. Dishes will be prepared from these instructions and tried by a committee, and a prize of £3 will be awarded to the best; £2 to the second.

#### LETTER CENSORSHIP.

##### BULLER'S EXPLANATION.

In consequence of complaints made to him on the subject the Governor asked General Buller to report on the subject of the censoring of private letters posted in Natal.

General Wolfe Murray reported to General Buller that for a few days—just after Buller's force had returned

over the Tugela for the second time—a strict censorship had been exercised over letters regarding the movements of troops. Accordingly all letters from Chieveley, Frere, Ennersdale, Estcourt, Mooi River, Weenen, Riet Vlei and Greytown were strictly censored in passing through the post.

This strict censorship only lasted for three or four days and then ceased. Many of the letters passing through the post did make mention of the movements of troops.

Gen. Buller, in the course of his minute to the Governor, says:

I quite agree that there is a natural objection to opening letters, but it is also true that there is on the part of a general officer commanding, a natural repugnance to having his plans disclosed or his men killed, because otherwise estimable people like to write the latest news to their friends. I have succeeded on two or three occasions lately in surprising the enemy, and on as many occasions the enemy has become aware of my intentions. I have surprised him when I have exercised a censorship over private letters.

#### WE'LL FIGHT ON THE HORSE AND SOWENS.

Our little town of Mafeking has stood out very well,

The Boers know what it's cost them, but they ain't a goin' to tell;

We reckon roughly that about a man apiece we've settled.

The Dutchmen hopeless hang about, their feelings muchly nettled,

And the Queen shall have her own again for the flag we've always flown,

If we cannot live on the fat of the land we'll fight on the skin and bone.

We hear our troops in other parts with lots of give and take, Have made tremendous sacrifice for dear old England's sake,

And here the men of Mafeking, women and children too,

Have fought and died for the Union Jack, as British bred should do, And the Queen, etc.

We hope relief will shortly come, but if it be put off—

We can stick it out until it does though rather short of "scoff."

And if the Boers will only come and have another try.  
 "Pills as before," we'll serve them out, and as before they'll fly,

And the Queen shall have her own again, for the flag we've always flown,

If we cannot live on the fat of the land we'll fight on the horse \* and sowen.

The horse inside.

F.D.B.

## CADET COMPETITION.

The rules of the above will be as follows:—

Each Cadet will receive a letter on the Recreation Ground. He will carry it to the Staff Office; route via Carrington Street. He will there receive a verbal answer and return to the Recreation Ground to the sender and repeat the verbal message to him in a loud, clear tone of voice.

Timekeepers: Pte. Clements, C.P. D. 2., Instructor M. C.C., Recreation Ground; Officer on duty. Staff Office.

The Secretary of the Siege Sports and Prizes Funds acknowledges with thanks the kind donation of Five Guineas from Mr. D. J. Davies for Lennon Co., Ltd., Chemists.

## MAFEKING GARRISON.

### GENERAL ORDERS

By Colonel R. S. S. Baden-Powell,  
 Commanding Frontier Force.

MAFEKING, 27TH APRIL, 1900.

*Stult Watchmen.*—Sergt. Abrams having sufficiently recovered, will resume command of the Stadt Watchmen. Corpl. Webb will return to duty with his Corps. Both to date from to-morrow inclusive. The Col. Commanding desires to express his appreciation of Corpl. Webb's good service while in temporary command.

*Rations.*—(a) Bread. It is regretted that, owing to some portion of the corn not being up to sample, the bread for the past two days has been of a husky kind. This will be rectified in the future.

(b) White Army Biscuit. Whenever White Army Biscuit is issued, the ration of same will be taken at 5 ozs. not 6.

(c) Meat. As our live stock are now getting poor in condition it is proposed to issue a meat ration, minced, as far as possible. In this way it is hoped that a better ration will be available than the ordinary pound of tough meat in which bone and gristle are included. These

latter, together with heads and other scraps, will be made into soup of a special quality for whites, and will be available on demand.

(d) Horse-Meat Issue. A horse-meat issue will be made for consumption on Sunday. It will be issued in the form of sausages, as far as sausages will go, the balance in Minced Horse flesh. Ration 1 lb. So long as sufficient supplies of horses are forthcoming, a meat ration, consisting entirely of horse flesh, will be issued every third day.

(e) Native Servants. Rations for Native servants and grooms, without exception, will consist of 1 quart Sowens, 4 ozs. meat and  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. salt daily.

(f) Relief Rations. All persons formerly drawing their rations from the Court House on Sundays, will, in future, from Sunday, 29th inst., draw them from the A.S.C. Grocery Stores, opposite the Railway Station.

MAFEKING, 28TH APRIL, 1900.

*Court of Summary Jurisdiction.*—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet on Monday, 30th April, at the Court House, at 10-15 a.m., for the examination of such prisoners as may be brought before it. President: H.H. Maj. Gool-Adams, C.B., C.M.G. Member: Lieut.-Col. C. O. Hore.

*R. M. and C. C. Jurisdiction.*—In civil cases, which are—under ordinary circumstances—beyond the power of the R.M. Judicate upon, that official may, if he think fit, hold a preliminary enquiry for the information of the Colonel Commanding. He will submit the proceedings of such preliminary enquiry together with a report, and any such recommendation he may wish to make, to the Colonel Commanding for his decision and for such order with regard to disposal as he may deem necessary.

*Chief Paymaster's Staff.*—The Colonel Commanding has authorised the following exchange of duties between Messrs. Friend and Schreiber, to take effect from the 1st May inclusive.

Mr. Friend to be Local Auditor.

Mr. Schreiber to be Examiner of Books.

Each at the rate of 15s per diem as before.

By order,

E. H. CECIL, Major,  
 Chief Staff Officer.

## NOTICE.

THE undersigned will sell to-morrow, on his usual Sale, a splendid collection of

South African Game Horns

Also a quantity of

FURNITURE, etc.

E. PLATNAUER,

Auctioneer.

## ACROSTIC.

"Double X's" solution was the only correct one received. Here it is:—

No. 1.

V I M  
 I NDI A  
 C UF F  
 T O E  
 O. K  
 REMENYI  
 I RO N  
 A GO G

No. 2.

B OM B  
 I C E  
 GALOPIN

Double X.

If "Double X" will kindly call and state whether he, or she, is a lady or a gentleman, we shall be pleased to hand him, or her, an order on Messrs. Riesle & Rombach for the brooch or sleeve links.

The evident appreciation with which this competition was received has decided the Sports Fund Committee to offer a prize for the greatest number of correct solutions to a series of 10 Acrostics, which will appear daily, commencing with one below. Solutions must be sent in to the Mail office by Thursday, May 10th.

That "more than soldier, if less than sage";

May both live and prosper to happy old age!

1. 'Tis made for the one and done on the other,  
 To destroy human life, or defraud one's own brother.
2. A coward's task, a joyous sound,  
 A gilded youth, here sometimes found.
3. When this siege is over, and we've cheered might and main,  
 Like this we'll go South, and not wait for the train.
4. A ball room bright—a flowing stream,  
 Vanished faces—sweet music—or is it a dream?
5. Remember, fair maidens, when he comes to woo,  
 Should you give him of that, he will take of this too.
6. A token of firmness, so steadfast and sure,  
 So shall it be fixed, so shall it endure.

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### THE Mafeking Mail.

MONDAY, 30TH APRIL, 1900.

#### From Native Sources.

There are no Boers between Delport's Hope, near the junction of Harts River, and Barkly to Kimberley.

The whole of that part is alive with British Troops.

After Bloemfontein surrendered some scattered parties of Boers re-combined and attacked the British.

Our troops, returning via Barkly, met a large party of Boers just above Delport's Hope. It was said they were Germans from Damaraland but it has since been ascertained that they were Prieska Boers. Young Cronje, regardless of his frequent death, went out to meet them between Kuruman and Langberg.

They had a laager at Spitzkop, another at Newlands, and yet another at Witfontein in Griqualand West.

Their "camp talk" was then (a month ago) that they are going to destroy the Vaal River Bridge at Barkly, but, there were three strong English camps about the town. The troops are on both sides of the river at Barkly and at Fourteen Streams. At the latter place they are constructing a temporary bridge. They have finished the railway bridge but they require the temporary bridge for the use of some engines that travel without rails and bring food for the men and also fresh rails to replace the line where the old rails had been taken away.

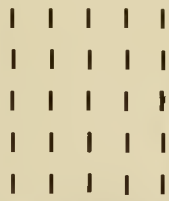
There are no Boers between Barkly and Fourteen Streams. Their main body is at Christiana and there is a strong force of British Troops on the other side of the river at Christiana.

There is a Dutch laager at Pudu-mo which the natives about Taungs say is a nuisance to them, and we have probably caused "the nuisance" to be removed before now.

There is also a small laager at Maritzani.

The messengers say that they heard at Taungs told them that Kroonstad had been taken by the English and Paul Kruger and Steyn had tramped to Pretoria.

#### COUNT THEM



Some natives told them the Landrost was leaving Vryburg for the Transvaal.

#### The Railway Division Concert.

Our report of the Concert on Sunday, the 22nd, was crowded out, day after day all through last week, but the concert was a grand success, not only as an entertainment but also financially, no less than £22 8s. 6d. being the surplus handed over to the Sports and Prizes Fund by Sergt.-Major Layton, who is to be congratulated, alike upon the excellence of the company he secured and the liberal manner in which the public responded. The audience laughed till everyone's sides ached, at the funniness of Lionel Brough, and Mr. Personally-conducted Cook on the journey from Mafeking to Mayfair, while the remainder of the programme was warmly appreciated throughout.

#### MEMS.

A Mother wishes to express her grateful appreciation of the kind-heartedness of Sergeant-Major Jollie, Sergeant P. Stewart and Mr. Van Eyssen in giving up their rations of sugar to her children.

General French telegraphs to the Colonel, from Bloemfontein 30th March (under supposition that Mafeking had been relieved by Colonel Plumer) "Your magnificent defence is the feature of the campaign."

Letters posted here about the middle of December reached London at the end of February. Two and half months on the road. This might

account for the many disappointments experienced through non receipt of communications from home.

The promoters of the concert on Sunday before last, paraded a sandwich boy, whose board's announcement included the following: "A large consignment of London Stars arrived by Special Runner."

Great preparations are being made all over the country to celebrate Mafeking Day. It has been arranged at Cape Town that the day, following that on which the news of our relief is received, shall be observed as a public holiday. Some of the Dutch are much upset about it, and are anxious to know from Mr. Schreiner what steps he will take to protect their lives and property on the occasion.

The following letter has been sent by the Colonel Commanding to the Mother Superior at the Convent:—

Mafeking,  
30th April, 1900.

DEAR MOTHER TERESA,

At the request of Mr. B. Weil I have great pleasure in handing to you the enclosed £98 15s., the proceeds of a raffle got up for the benefit of the Sisters of Mercy.

The mere money does not in any way represent adequately the lasting gratitude of the community towards yourself and the Sisters for the valuable, self-devoting services you have rendered to the sick and wounded in Hospital, nor our sympathy for your losses and troubles incident to the Siege.

Believe me,  
Yours very truly,  
R. S. S. BADEN-POWELL.

A public meeting, convened by the Mayor, was held at Beaconsfield, on March 24th, at which resolutions were passed:—Supporting the Home Government, in their South African policy; Expressing gratification at the brilliant decisive successes already obtained by Her Majesty's Generals and the heroic British and Colonial forces; and one of congratulations to the Relief Column which raised the siege of Beaconsfield and Kimberley, but the following was without doubt the most important resolution of the evening:

"That this meeting entirely approves the firm and dignified reply of Lord

Salisbury to the untruthful statements and inadmissible proposals of the two Presidents, and further sincerely declares its honest opinion, based upon an intimate knowledge of the past and present situation, that it is imperative, both in Imperial and Colonial interests alike, that the Republics should cease to exist and the territories be annexed to the British Empire."

In supporting the resolution, one of the speakers strongly stigmatised the audacity of the Republics in daring to dictate terms of peace the moment they began to get the worst of the fighting, and he laid the whole of this trouble to the door of the Afrikaner Bond, the suppression or extinction of which he deemed imperative. He specially insisted on stern retribution being meted out to the rebels. He said there was an uneasy suspicion in the public mind that these men were to be treated with a mistaken leniency.

We should like to see Mafeking's public expression of opinion upon these subjects; on which she has as much right to be heard as any town in South Africa.

## THE DISTURBANCES AT SCARBOROUGH.

The disturbances at Scarborough, which were referred to in the House of Commons one evening, originated in the visit to that town of Mr. Cronwright-Schreiner. Some sympathisers had been invited to welcome him to the café of Messrs. John Rowntree & Sons, but when he arrived he had to seek admittance by the back door, accompanied by Mr. Joshua Rowntree, ex-M.P. for Scarborough, one of his chief supporters. In front of the building was an angry crowd, and before the night was out the front door of the café was wrecked. At about half-past nine Mr. Schreiner, accompanied by Mr. Joshua Rowntree and others, left the building by a side entrance. A portion of the crowd detected this, and followed, hooting and pushing. Threats were freely used, and to save themselves Messrs. Schreiner and Rowntree sought shelter in a neighbouring hotel. Eventually Mr. Rowntree emerged hatless, and was pushed violently against the railings and assaulted. The police were powerless, and it was not until the military had been called out and the Riot Act read that the crowd dispersed singing "Soldiers of the Queen," and cheering lustily. In addition to the damage done to the café of Messrs. John Rowntree & Sons, and their extensive grocery establishment a few doors away, the windows of Messrs. W. Rowntree & Son's drapery shop, one of the leading establishments of its kind in the North of England, and of four of the private residences of the firm were smashed.

## How Kimberley was Deserted.

BY THE CAPE GOVERNMENT.

The following is a summary of the correspondence between the Mayor of Kimberley and Mr. Schriener re the defence of the town:—

The Mayor telegraphed on the 12th of June, 1899, pointing out the unrest, hoped hostilities would be averted, and earnestly pointed out the defenceless condition of the town and surroundings. Beyond 500 Volunteers indifferently armed, especially in artillery, there were no available arms and ammunition for the defence of the town. In the event of war they had a large body of natives, who would probably become a very great source of danger. He understood there were stored at King Williamstown ammunition and battery and artillery and rifles, originally intended for Kimberley. At this critical juncture he made the suggestion of the imperative necessity of their being forwarded at the earliest moment. The desire of the inhabitants was simply to protect themselves and their property.

Mr. Schriener replied on the same date: Without discussing the assumption that dangerously strained relations exist between the Imperial Government and the Transvaal, I wish to assure you without delay that no reason whatever exists for apprehension that Kimberley or any other part of the Colony either is, or in any contemplated event will be, in any danger of attack. I am officially informed that representatives of the South African League proposed to the Civil Commissioner of Kimberley the fear of invasion from the Free State or the Transvaal. Such fears are absolutely groundless. It would be wrong on my part to give color or countenance to them by at present giving direction to this movement of arms and ammunition. You may rely upon the Government not to do anything that affects the interests and safety of the people of the Colony.

The Mayor of Kimberley to the Premier on the following day:—

Thanks are expressed for the reassuring telegram, and the promise of the Government, but he again emphasises the unsatisfactory nature of the position, in view of the enormous value of property there, and the very inadequate means of self defence. The despatch of arms and ammunition from King Williamstown could not be construed as giving color or countenance to any alarmist rumours in view of the fact that the munitions were originally intended for Kimberley, and would practically amount to a late delivery of them. Such a step would, on the contrary, allay unrest and insecurity.

Reply of the Premier of the same date: Sorry cannot consider your views and meet your wishes.

Time went on and nothing was done by the Government. The Mayor

made further representations to the Premier and Governor.

The Premier's reply again begged the question. This letter is dated 29th August and stated that the Government was fully alive to the importance of the defence of Kimberley in case needs should arise, and that there was no occasion for unnecessary alarm.

The reply of the Governor was much more satisfactory but nothing was done at the instance of the Cape Government.

## F.A.M.P. & C.M.R. PHOTOGRAPH.

Proof is now ready, can be seen, and orders may be booked at D. Taylor's, Market Sq.

## A Dear Little Chick.

A fowl was ruffled for Thirty Shillings in the Railway Camp. This heats reports from Ladysmith, although our ruffled case of whisky fetched but £107 10s. against their £147, but there were five times as many people in that besiegement.

## ACROSTIC.

No. 2.

This question men ask one another,  
Thinking of friend, or son, or brother.

1. This gallant "sapper" all will know,  
One of our leaders 'gainst the foe.
2. Many a quiet, peaceful light  
Mourns for some dear one slain in fight.
3. The Empire's heart is this with pride  
To see her sons from far and wide  
In common cause fight side by side.
4. We've met with some reverses heretofore,  
But trust that these for us are now in store.

FOUND.—A LOCKET with a portrait. Apply W. H. M., "Mail Office."

## Scotchmen's Photograph

IT is proposed to have a photograph taken of all Scotchmen in the Garrison on Sunday, May 6th, at 8 a.m., at the Railway Workshops. Please roll up with bandolier and rifle.

## Remember that Platnauer's Siege Lottery

Drawing takes place

On Monday, May 7th,  
instead of to-night.

# THE MAFEKING MAIL

## Special Siege Slip.

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No. 132

Tuesday, May 1st, 1900.

201st Day of Siege

THE  
*Mafeking Mail.*

TUESDAY, 1ST MAY, 1900.

### MEMS.

Now the Sowens issue is systematised and excellent soup for the whites is procurable daily, the fear of trouble resulting from insufficiency of food is removed. Of course we would like to have plenty, but "plenty" and "siege" are not synonymous terms, and, as there is enough to keep body and soul together, we can show our "Mark Tapley"ism, continue as we have done for 200 days, and keep up our spirits to the end.

We learn that the whole Garrison, Officers, C.O.'s and men, have given up their sugar ration in favour of the women, children, and the sick. A grateful sacrifice that should be highly appreciated by those it benefits.

The following letter is from the Mother Superior in reply to that of the Colonel Commanding, covering cheque for £98 15s., as reported in these columns yesterday:—

Convent of Our Lady of Mercy,  
Mafeking, 1st May, 1900.

TO COLONEL BADEN-POWELL.

Dear Sir,—Permit me, on my own part, and that of the Sisters, to thank you and through you, Mr. Weil and all the other gentlemen who so liberally contributed towards making the Raffle the success it has been, not only for the generous gift, but more especially for the kindly feeling towards us which prompted the act. This, I assure you, we value far more than money.

Whatever labour or fatigue we have undergone in the service of the poor sick and wounded was amply made up for, in the pleasure it gave us to be able, however slightly, to alleviate the pains and aid the noble cause for which you, your brave garrison, and the good men of Mafeking are enduring so many labours and privations.

Praying the good God to preserve each of you through the many dangers of this dreadful crisis.

I am, Dear Sir,

Gratefully yours,  
M. TERESA.

"What is the most popular book of the month? Not a novel, strange to say. And, oddly enough, the author does not know that his book has already sold over fifty thousand copies, for he is locked up at present at Mafeking. His name is Baden-Powell, and his book is called "Aids to Scouting" (Gale and Polden). It contains two dire misprints, which we readily forgive, for B.P. corrected the proof-sheets while he was cheerily preparating to be beleaguered at Mafeking, and the letter that brought the proofs to London formed an item of the last post that evaded the Boers ere they surrounded the town. It is a red-covered book, almost small enough to be slipped into the waistcoat-pocket and was, of course, written for soldiers. But the public will read it with interest, for it touches the imagination and really makes one eager to join the hazardous profession of scout. The scout lives in the open, he is always his own master, and he needs just those faculties that Sherlock Holmes possessed so abundantly. Indeed Baden-Powell refers more than once to that prince among detectives. Dr. Conan Doyle starts with Mr. Langman's hospital staff for South Africa shortly, and if "Aids to Scouting" falls into his hands, maybe the hero of his text book will be a scout."—*Illustrated London News.*

### "Sowens and Rations" Competition.

As there seems to have been a misunderstanding about the date on which these recipes were to be delivered, the time will be extended to Thursday, 3rd inst., for both competitions.

A prize of £2 will be given for the BEST RECIPE FOR THE PREPARATION OF SOWENS.

Each plan sent in will be carefully tried, and a com-

mittee will decide upon its merits, and award the prize.

For the best manner of COOKING AND MAKING THE BEST OF THE PRESENT DAILY RATION, without any extras, a prize of £3 will be given, and a second prize of £2 for the next best.

From the instructions sent in competition, dishes will be carefully prepared and a committee will test them.

All recipes must be delivered, marked "Cooking Competition," by Thursday next, to the Editor, *Mafeking Mail.*

### PEACE OVERTURES.

### TEXT OF THE TELEGRAMS.

BRITAIN WILL NOT AGAIN  
GRANT INDEPENDENCE.

The following is the text of the correspondence with the Presidents of the South African Republic and of the Orange Free State respecting the war as read in the House of Lords by Lord Salisbury:

"The Presidents of the Orange Free State and of the South African Republics to the Marquis of Salisbury.

Received 6th March, by telegram (translation).

Bloemfontein, March 5, 1900.

"The blood and the tears of the thousands who have suffered by this war, and the prospect of the moral and economic ruin with which South Africa is threatened, make it necessary for both belligerents to ask themselves dispassionately, and as in the sight of the Triune God, for what they are fighting, and whether the aim of each justified all this appalling misery and devastation.

With this object, and in view of the assertions of various British statesmen to the effect that this war was begun, and is being carried on,



with the set purpose of undermining Her Majesty's authority in South Africa, and of setting up an administration over all South Africa independent of Her Majesty's Government, we consider it our duty solemnly to declare that this war was undertaken as solely as a defensive measure to safeguard the threatened independence of the South African Republic, and is only continued in order to secure and safeguard the incontestable independence of both Republics as Sovereign International States, and to obtain the assurance that those of Her Majesty's subjects who have taken part with us in this war shall suffer no harm whatsoever in person or property.

On these conditions alone were a now, as in the past, desirous of securing peace re-established in South Africa, and of putting an end to the evils now reigning over South Africa. While if Her Majesty's Government is determined to destroy the independence of the Republics there is nothing to us and to our people but to preserve to the end in the course already begun, in spite of the overwhelming pre-eminence of the British Empire, confident that that God who lighted the unextinguishable fire of the love of freedom in the hearts of ourselves and of our fathers will not forsake us, but will accomplish His work in us and in our descendants.

"We hesitated to make this declaration earlier to your Excellency, as we feared that as long as the advantage was always on our side, and as long as our forces held defensive positions far in Her Majesty's Colonies such a declaration might hurt the feelings of honour of British people; but now that the prestige of the British Empire may be considered to be assured by the capture of one of our forces by Her Majesty's troops, and that we are thereby forced to evacuate other positions which our forces had occupied, that difficulty is over, and we can no longer hesitate clearly to inform your Government and people, in sight of the whole civilised world, why we are fighting and on what conditions we are ready to restore peace."

Lord Salisbury's reply to the above will appear in to-morrow's "Slip."

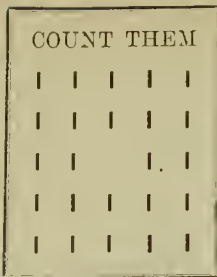
## MAFEKING GARRISON

### GENERAL ORDERS

By Colonel R. S. S. Baden-Powell,  
Commanding Frontier Forces.

MAFEKING, 30TH APRIL, 1900.

*Appointments.*—(a) Owing to the illness of Dr. W. Hayes, Major Anderson, Principal Medical Officer of the Defence Forces, will take over



charge of the Victoria Hospital, etc., with effect from the 27th inst.; the duties of the Medical Officers under him being distributed as follows:—

Surgeon-Capt. Holmden: B.S.A.P. Convalescent Home, &c.

Dr. T. Hayes: District Surgeon, Cape Police, &c.

Dr. Elmes: Assistant Physician to the Victoria Hospital.

(b) General Order No. 4, of 24th March, 1900, Mr. Algie's appointment as Secretary on the staff of the P.M.O., is hereby antedated to the 13th October, 1899, inclusive, that being the date on which he took over duty under the Military Authorities.

*Cattle Grazing.*—Officers Commanding outposts must give strictest orders with reference to herds keeping their cattle and stock within safe grazing limits. 11 cattle and 17 donkeys were captured by the Boers yesterday, and thus over a week's supply of meat has been lost to us through the carelessness of look-outs and those in charge.

*Rations.*—(a) Meat. Horse-beef sausage or minced meat will be issued, if available, on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays. Ration: Three quarter lb.

(b) Bread. From and including Wednesday, the 2nd of May, no bread or biscuit will be issued to the Cape Boys, but the following will be substituted:

6 oz. of Mealie Meal per diem per man.

Ration indents to be made out accordingly.

## NOTICE.

### Cattle—Taking over of.

IT having been decided as a matter of necessity that the Imperial Authorities should take over all Cattle (other than Milch Cows) from private owners, all Cattle owners are hereby required to attend, with their Cattle, at Isaac's Store Yard, to-

morrow (the 2nd instant), at 7 a.m., when the animals will be taken over and receipts given.

### Under the Patronage of

COLONEL R. S. S. BADEN-POWELL  
AND OFFICERS OF THE GARRISON,

### A GRAND

## Boxing Entertainment

WILL BE GIVEN ON

SUNDAY, MAY 6th, 1900,

AT THE

RECREATION GROUND.

### Competition.

OPEN TO ALL WHITE MEMBERS  
OF THE GARRISON.

If entries permit, division will be made into two classes, viz., above and below, 9st. 7lbs.

**Competition: 3 Rounds of 2 Minutes.**

First Prize, in each class, £5  
Runner up ... £2

Entries, stating weights, to be sent to Lieut. Hon. A. Hanbury Tracy, Headquarter Staff, not later than 7 p.m. Thursday, 3rd inst.

### Coloured Competition.

Open to all coloured persons.

**Competition: 3 Rounds of 2 Minutes.**

First Prize ... £3  
Runner up ... £1

Entries, stating weights, to be sent to Lieut. Hon. A. Hanbury Tracy, Headquarter Staff, not later than 7 p.m. Thursday, 3rd inst.

### CONTEST.

"PATSY CARROL" challenges any man in the Garrison to box him 5 rounds of 2 minutes for a purse of £10, conceding 7lbs.

Acceptances, stating weights, to be sent to Lieut. Hon. A. Hanbury Tracy, Headquarter Staff, not later than 7 p.m. Thursday, 3rd inst.

## WANTED

TWO Respectable Men for Soup Kitchen. Must have good references.—Apply from half-past 1 to 2 p.m. to

INSPECTOR B. MYERS,  
Lippmann's Yard.

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Wednesday, May 2nd, 1900.

202nd Day of Siege

THE  
Mafeking Mail.

WEDNESDAY, 2ND MAY, 1900.

### ANNEXATION.

Why does not Mafeking say what she thinks upon the above. Is her diet so poor that her pluck has gone? Let Mafeking speak up as becomes her, and say vigorously what she thinks ought to be done with reference:

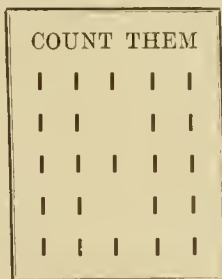
1. To the future of the Republics.
2. About the treatment of rebels in the present.

What is the South African League about that it does not arrange for a public meeting and ask the Mayor to preside?

The world awaits your voice as to the treatment of the traitors and the future of the Republics.

### COMPENSATION.

Another subject upon which our town is mum, is that which most touches their pockets, i.e. compensation. Townsmen met, discussed their losses and asked they might be made good. Now that a reply has been received, saying our claims shall be met, nothing more is done. So sleepily is the news received that scarcely a droney "upt upt" can be elicited when a question of £250,000 is at stake. If it



were £20 spent on the parish pump everybody would be up in arms to resist the fearful extravagance; but when it is a question of thousands of pounds loss, no one stirs a finger.

Wake up Mafeking, your houses and property have been damaged to the tune of £100,000, you have incidental losses to a similar amount and the Municipality want £50,000 to put the place in order. In all you want £250,000. The High Commissioner says you will probably get it at once. Hand in your applications while the world still has in its mind what Mafeking has done.

## MAFEKING GARRISON.

### GENERAL ORDERS

By Colonel R. S. S. Baden-Powell,  
Commanding Frontier Force.

MAFEKING, 1ST MAY, 1900.

**Board of Officers.**—A Board of Officers, composed as under, will assemble at such place and time as the President may appoint for the purpose of inspecting and reporting upon certain damaged clothing and necessities in charge of the Bechuanaland Rifles.

PRESIDENT: Captain Williams,  
B.S.A.P.

MEMBERS: A Subaltern, Protectorate Regiment.

A Subaltern Bechuanaland Rifles.

Proceedings, in duplicate, to be forwarded to the O.C. Bechuanaland Rifles, for transmission to the C.S.O.

**Issue of Rations.**—Hours of—With reference to General Order No. 7 of the 17th February, 1900, laying down the hours for the issue and purchase of bread and meat. In view of the approach of winter the following hours have been decided upon for the issue of bread and meat rations from the A.S.C. Butchery and Bakery, viz:

**Cattle—Taking over of**—It having been decided as a matter of necessity that the Imperial Authorities should take over all Cattle (other than milch cows) from private owners, all Cattle Owners are hereby required to attend with their cattle at Isaac's store to-morrow (the 2nd inst.) at 7 a.m., when the animals will be taken over and receipts given.

**Vegetable Rations.**—In view of the necessity of hushbanding our supply of vegetables, on and after Wednesday, the 2nd inst., no further issue of compressed vegetables will be made, and the fresh vegetable ration will be reduced to half a lb.

MAFEKING, 2ND MAY, 1900.

**Court of Summary Jurisdiction.**—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet on Thursday, 3rd inst., at the Court House, at 10.15 a.m., for the examination of such prisoners as may be brought before it. President: Lord Edward Cecil, D.S.O.; Member: C. G. H. Bell Esq., C.C. & R.M.

**Outposts, etc.**—Native Women passing through—No Native women are allowed to come in through the lines, until they have been interrogated by a Native detailed by Chief Le Koko or by Molema.

They are, therefore, to be detained until Le Koko has been communicated with.

By order,

E. H. CECIL, Major,  
Chief Staff Officer.

## PEACE OVERTURES.

### TEXT OF THE TELEGRAMS

#### BRITAIN WILL NOT AGAIN GRANT INDEPENDENCE.

The following is the text of the correspondence with the Presidents of the South African Republic and of the Orange Free State respecting the war as read in the House of Lords by Lord Salisbury:

The British reply was as follows:—

*"The Marquis of Salisbury to the Presidents of the South African Republic and Orange Free State.*

*"Foreign Office, London,*

*"March 11th, 1900.*

"I have the honour to acknowledge your Honours' telegram dated 5th of March, Bloemfontein, of which the purport is principally to demand that Her Majesty's Government shall recognise the incontestable independence of the South African Republic and Orange Free State as 'Sovereign International States,' and to offer on these terms to bring the war to a conclusion. In the beginning of October last, peace existed between Her Majesty and the two Republics under the Conventions which then were in existence. A discussion had been proceeding for some months between Her Majesty's Government and the South African Republic, of which the object was to obtain redress for certain very serious grievances, under which British residents in the South African Republic were suffering. In the course of those negotiations the South African Republic had, to the knowledge of Her Majesty's Government, made considerable armaments, and the latter had consequently taken steps to provide corresponding reinforcements to the British garrisons at Capetown and Natal. No infringement of the rights guaranteed by the Conventions had up to that point taken place on the British side.

"Suddenly, at two days' notice, the South African Republic, after issuing an insulting ultimatum, declared war upon Her Majesty, and the Orange Free State, with whom there had not even been a discussion, took a similar step. Her Majesty's dominions were immediately invaded by the two Republics, siege was laid to three towns within the British frontier, a large portion of the two Colonies was overrun, with great destruction to property and life, and the Republics claimed to treat the inhabitants of extensive portions of Her Majesty's dominions as if those dominions had been annexed to one or the other of them. In anticipation of these operations the South African Republic had been accumulating for many years past military stores on an enormous scale, which

by their character could only have been intended for use against Great Britain.

"Your Honours make some observation of a negative character upon the object with which these preparations were made. I do not think it necessary to discuss the question you have raised, but the result of these preparations, carried on with great secrecy, has been that the British Empire has been compelled to confront an invasion which has entailed upon the Empire a costly war and the loss of thousands of precious lives. This great calamity has been the penalty which Great Britain has suffered for having in recent years acquiesced in the existence of the two Republics.

"In view of the use to which the two Republics have put the position which was given them, and the calamities which their unprovoked attack has inflicted upon Her Majesty's dominions, Her Majesty's Government can only answer your Honours' telegram by saying that they are not prepared to assent to the independence either of the South African Republic or of the Orange Free State."

### ACROSTIC.

No. 3.

I have ten thousand men, said he,  
To wait upon my will,  
Another came and took his place  
But neither did us ill.

1. Betwixt his brazen thighs in  
loose array,  
Ten thousand streamers on the  
billows play.
2. We cannot do without it,  
We've knocked out many more,  
We cannot do without it,  
As I have said before.
3. Invested in a class, though few  
can say  
That they will find they always  
have their way.
4. Of proud descent—and large of  
size,  
Some say for comforts, takes the  
prize.
5. How gladly would she show the  
way  
And plough the wave through  
night and day,  
To take the troops to see the war,  
But she's already gone before.
6. From head to toe, from East to  
West,  
This ——— is the best.

## Under the Patronage of

COLONEL R. S. S. BADEN-POWELL  
AND OFFICERS OF THE GARRISON,

### A SPORTS MEETING

WILL BE HELD ON

SUNDAY, MAY 13TH, 1900

AT THE

RECREATION GROUND.

Open to all Native Members of the  
Garrison.

The following events have  
been arranged for:—

A 300 Yds. Race; Tug-of-  
War (teams of eight); Long  
Jump; Native Dancing; Bicycle  
Race; Bolster Fight on  
Pole; Wrestling; Greasy  
Pole; Schildpad Trek; Best  
Turned-out Girl; Lloyd Lindsay  
(dismounted) at Bottles;  
Throwing the Assegai and  
Kerry.

### One Pound Maxim.

WANTED a perfect  
specimen of the kind  
with brass fuse in front.—  
Apply "C.W.," this office.

## Grand Siege Concert

UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF  
Colonel R. S. S. Baden-Powell  
and Officers of the Garrison,

WILL BE HELD ON

Sunday next, May 6th.

The 206th Day of the Siege,

AT THE

MASONIC HALL,

Commencing at 5 p.m.

ADMISSION 2s.

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THE  
Blatfching Mail.

THURSDAY, 3RD MAY, 1900.

### MEMS.

A few weeks ago an unexploded shell was dug up, somewhere near Paris, and removed to a properly prepared special pit at the Laboratory. It was one of those fired by the Germans, so had been buried about twenty years. Nevertheless it exploded and shattered the building, although the operators escaped with their lives.

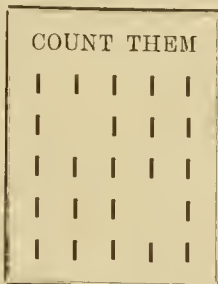
As all the world appears to be preparing for the celebration of our relief upon a magnificent scale, there are two bints the public may have, which will enable them to increase their own enjoyment by the knowledge that they are giving enjoyment to some of those who also deserve a share of the fund:

1. Start a collection to enable every woman and child who has endured the dangers and privations of the Siege, to take a few weeks holiday.

2. This is also on the subscribing "line." Collect enough to repay the Officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the garrison the extra expense they have been put to, on account of the enormously increased cost of the necessities of life.

As matters now stand, a heap of money has been made out of the small incomes of our gallant defenders. Not that we would find fault with those who have made as much profit as they could. A thing is worth just so much as it can be sold for, so ordinary business principles would compel a man to charge as much as anyone can be found to pay, but the fact remains that the payer, in this instance, is just that extra amount poorer than he would have been, and it is possible—we do not know that it is so,—that unless assisted in some manner, it will take many months before many are clear of debt incurred by such extra cost.

The thirst exhibited by pressmen, (for information) is well known to all, and it is astonishing how quickly they get information. For instance, yesterday a trolley had scarcely



drawn up in front of a certain hotel, when first one pen shover, then another, sauntered with an abstracted air, in the direction of that hotel's bar, and before the waggon had scarcely time to deliver its load, the whisper "whisky" had reached the farthest dug-out that contained a journalist, and before it was possible to unpack the "lubricator," half a dozen "Specials" were noisily clamouring for first attentions.

"Punch" was charged, with others, with stealing a calf. The house in which the stolen veal was discovered is owned by one "Punch," and another "Punch" denied all knowledge of meat and mansion. The complication of "Punch" and "Punch" necessitated the case being adjourned a second time, but this morning one of five prisoners was found guilty and both "Punches" are able to return stainless to their respective Judys.

### The Presidents' Note

AND

### Lord Salisbury's Reply.

The "Evening Special" of a Home contemporary, not regarding the Peaco Telegram from Presidents Kruger and Steyn too seriously, publishes a free translation of it. The free translation reads:— "We, Kruger and Steyn, now that we are being beaten, are also magnanimous. When we were beating the very mischief out of your forces across the border we would not mention the word 'Peace' out of regard for your feelings. Instead, we shot your people down with Long Toms, Manser rifles, and expansive bullets. But now that our men are in retreat before you, and Roberts is in full

force in the Free State, we are anxious to know, good Mr. Bull, what we are fighting about. It is easy to please us! Recognise our Sovereign Independence and we will agree to save our men from being beaten any more. Otherwise we will fight to the end. God is with us. Amen."

Lord Salisbury's Telegram in reply is thus translated, also freely:—"Gentlemen,—You have the check of a certain party whose name is never mentioned in diplomacy except by my Chancellor of the Exchequer. You talk of recognising your States as Sovereign Independent Nations. As for you, Uncle Paul, how can you make such a demand? Your independence has never once been recognised since 1881, and, in fact, has not been even a debatable question. To ask me, therefore, to recognise it now, after you have mowed down British troops, and turned South Africa into a hell, and after you have put my country to millions and millions of expense, makes me almost lose my temper. As for you, Mr. Steyn, that little dispute I had with Uncle Paul was none of your show whatever. Nobody wanted to meddle with you in any way. But when you made common cause with Mr. Kruger you must be satisfied with common treatment hereafter. I am not going to give Mr. Kruger, after heating him, more than he had before he provoked this war, and I am not going to give you any more than I am prepared to give him. Don't talk to me, then, of your 'Sovereign Independence.' You haven't any. Roberts, go on with the Funeral!"

### REPUBLICS' FUTURE.

### NO ENGAGEMENT WITH ANY POWER REGARDING IT.

In the House of Lords, on February 22nd, Lord Teynham asked the Prime Minister whether there existed any treaty with a foreign Power bearing on the ultimate settlement between Her Majesty's Government on the one hand and the Transvaal and Orange Free State Republic, on the other.

The Marquis of Salisbury said: The noble Lord seeks to know what we intend to do with the two Boer Republics at the end of the war. That, I suggest to him, is a little

premature. (Hear, hear.) But I will satisfy my noble friend's curiosity on one point. We have no engagement with any Power bearing on the ultimate settlement of the two Boer Republics, and no Power has ever asked for or suggested that we should enter into any such engagement.

## MAFEKING GARRISON

### GENERAL ORDERS

By Colonel R. S. S. Baden-Powell,  
Commanding Frontier Force.

MAFEKING, 1ST MAY, 1900.

*Issue of Rations.—Hours of—*With reference to General Order No. 7, of the 17th February, 1900, laying down the hours for the issue and purchase of bread and meat. In view of the approach of winter the following hours have been decided upon for the issue of bread and meat rations from the A.S.C. Butchery and Bakery, viz:—

Morning from 5 to 9 a.m.

Afternoon from 4 to 6-30 p.m.

This order will have effect from to-morrow, the 2nd May, inclusive, and issues cannot under any circumstances be made except during the hours named.

MAFEKING, 3RD MAY, 1900.

*Medical Comforts.—Hours of Issue.—*With reference to General Order No. 6, of 31st March, laying down hours of issue of Medical Comforts etc., Victoria Hospital, the following is hereby substituted: "Medical necessities will be issued to out-patients only between the hours of 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., and 3 to 4 p.m. daily. No issues whatever, except on 'urgent' medical certificate, will be made at other times."

*Outposts, etc.—Native women passing through.—*With reference to General Order No. 1 of yesterday's date, directing that Native women passing in through lines should be detained until the arrival of Native Interrogator, the following paragraph should be added: "Mr. Bell, C.C. & R.M. should, in all cases, be informed."

*Promotion.—*Private Bull, Acting Sergeant, Railway Division, attached Reserve Artillery, is transferred from the Nordonfeldt Gun, to be in charge of the Hotchkiss, with rank of Corporal, and pay at the rate of 6s. per diem: to date from 1st inst., inclusive.

*Signallers.—*Signaller Tarpley, Cape Police, D. 2, having been detailed for duty as Signaller to the Headquarter Staff from 1st inst., is struck off the strength of the Western Outposts and attached to Head-

quarters for Barrack accommodation, discipline, and rations, from that date inclusive.

*Rifle Oil.—*A small supply of "Special Rifle Oil," for use with L. M. Rifles, has been prepared, and is ready for issue.

Commanding Officers should apply, stating quantity required, to the Base Commandant.

By order,  
E. H. CECIL, Major,  
Chief Staff Officer.

### ACROSTIC.

No. 4.

In making a bargain, the fault of the Dutch

Is giving too little and asking too much;

So my themes "couldn't trade," as the market folk say—

For the inlanders still make the outlanders pay.

[With a double accent on "pay."]

1. This hyphen'd light we very seldom see,

But, when we do, it means "quite crookedly."

2. Italian painter; as you're all aware,  
One work of his is at Trafalgar Square.

3. A tiny town upon Cromarty's shore,  
Within a loch—I needn't tell you more.

4. Max-Muller-ites can, in this process, show  
How *i* to *e* is changed, or *u* to *o*.

5. My northern uncle's old and obsolete,  
But still in Scott this Scottish term you'll meet.

6. To find this horned beast, in Shakespeare look:  
I shall not tell you the especial book.

"Light" No. 4 of yesterday's Acrostic (No. 3) is not quite accurate, therefore any solution in which the inaccuracy is given, will be passed as correct.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

"NEMESIS" — We don't publish letters sent without writers' name. Besides, you must be crazy. To establish a peerage and let every descendant become a legislator simply because he is son of his father is just what South Africa doesn't want.

### NOTICE.

ALL GERMANS who have taken up arms in the Defence of

Mafeking, are requested to assemble at Riese's Hotel at 9 a.m. Sunday next, the 6th inst., with rifles and bandoliers, for the purpose of having a joint photograph taken. Those desirous of joining will kindly send in their names and addresses to the undersigned.

G. RIESLE,  
Mafeking Hotel.

### NOTICE.

ATTENTION is called to the Order directing that all windows should be so secured at night as to prevent any light showing outside. And that all lights are to be put out at 10 p.m. o'clock.

This order was issued with a view to minimising the great risk of the enemy making Night Attacks, guided by lights within the town.

Lately a number of cases have occurred of the order being neglected and the town, in consequence, being put to considerable danger of Night Attack.

Inhabitants are therefore earnestly desired to see that all windows and doors, where lights are likely to show, are securely and thickly screened at night.

By order,  
E. H. CECIL, Major,  
Chief Staff Officer.

### Note Paper & Envelopes

50 Sheets of Ancient Scottish Note Paper, lined, and Envelopes to match,

In Box, 3s.

50 Sheets of Old English Note Paper, lined, and Envelopes to match,

In Box, 3s.

18 Sheets Cream Laid Note Paper, with Envelopes, Blotting and Pen-holder,

In Box, 2s.

AT THE "MAIL" OFFICE.

# THE MAFEKING MAIL

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No. 135

Friday, May 4th, 1900.

204th Day of Siege

### THE Mafeking Mail.

FRIDAY, 4TH MAY, 1900.

By the courtesy of the Colonel Commanding we are enabled to print the following:—

From Brisbane. To Mafeking.

Queenslanders admire your gallant defence and wish you success.

### LATEST NEWS.

Telegrams of congratulation to the Prince of Wales on his escape from assassination have been sent by Lord Roberts; and Dr. Leyds.

Sir Alfred Milner has wired Mr. Chamberlain on the "serious inconvenience to military and civil operations" caused by the influx of so many visitors from home to Cape Town; principally ladies.

Some Boer prisoners escaped from Simonstown. One was shot, another was bayoneted, fifteen got away.

Wepener was besieged, but Lord Roberts despatched troops to its assistance early last month.

Lord Roberts sent a telegram to President Kruger insisting on the cessation of harsh treatment to prisoners, particularly Colonials, at Pretoria. Ninety men were said to be sick of fever at Waterval, with no shelter; and only straw to lie upon.

From Pretoria it was wired, on April 9th, that Lord Methuen was moving in the direction of Hoopstad.

At Beira it was rumoured that the British were at Potchefstroom. If this be true, the native report of Kruisstad being surrounded is verified. It is stated that General P. Kruger has 24 hours notice to surrender.

Our relief force had a skirmish at Warrenton on April 12th, and the Boers were reported to be in great fear at Holopan.

Twenty-nine rebels from Warrenton have been tried at Kimberley.

Sir George White arrived at Southampton and had an immense reception.

General Gatacre is also going home.

The Paris Exhibition has been opened.

353 miles of the Uganda Railway has been completed.

30,000 or 40,000 horses have been purchased in America by the Imperial Government.

A London "Stop the War" Committee have petitioned the German Chancellor to intervene on the basis of the Hague Convention. These people ought to be indicted for Treason.

The main body of the Carnarvon Field Force has returned to De Aar, having effectually stamped out the rebellion in the North-West of Cape Colony.

The forwarding of the Bushmen from New South Wales, Western Australia and Queensland is now complete. The horses and men have been hurried forward to Bamboo Creek at a pace which, considering the facilities to hand, is perfectly incredible.

Beira wires: In addition to troops, about three hundred tons of stores are going through daily.

General Carrington and the Canadian Contingent were lauded on April 22nd. The Queenslanders have (April 2rd) nearly all disembarked. 350 Queensland Mounted Infantry, under Major Tuohy, arrived by "Duke of Portland" at Beira on April 17th.

There was shelling still going on at Elandsplaagte early in April, but Lord Roberts wired, about the 15th, that the Boers were effectually held north of that place.

The "Mexican" liner, collared and foundered. There is an ugly report by one of the officers about the crew looting her.

### MEMS.

It has been arranged that the Concert next Sunday afternoon will commence at 4.30 p.m. instead of 5.0 as previously announced.

Dr. Conan Doyle talked a good deal of breezy common sense (says the "Bulawayo Chronicle") to some Victoria Park cricketers before leaving England. "People," he said, "talked of calling out the Reserves.

Why, they had not begun to touch the Reserves. The Reserves of this country are the cricketers, the footballers, the hunting men; and when they are called out—somebody would know it."

A famous war correspondent made the remark: "This is absolutely the most unpicturesque campaign on record. You never see your enemy, and it is mostly a case of shelling kopjes with unknown results. The Boers don't fight. Our men do the fighting for them. They simply sit tight in their trenches and wait for our men to come and pick up their bullets."

The North Cork Militia would volunteer for the front, although determined efforts were made to dissuade them. On the day of embarkation only five were missing out of a total strength of seven hundred.

In the House of Commons recently the Colonial Secretary reminded the House that only a few days after President Steyn had solemnly declared that the Republics would not take the aggressive, the Free Staters invaded Natal.

The blocks on the telegraph line between Beira and Salisbury are fearful. Probably this has prevented us hearing of Methuen's victory at Fourteen Streams, which most likely took place about three weeks ago.

Lord Methuen, it is supposed, reached Taunus, with his forces, about the middle of last month.

The whole of the postal and telegraphic system between Bulawayo and Salisbury has been taken possession of by the military authorities.

A system of posts, provided with stores and relays, have been established between those towns.

A Lisbon correspondent states that pressure is being brought to bear on the Portuguese authorities to hand over, temporarily, Delagoa Bay to the British in order to facilitate bringing the war to a speedy close.

In a speech at Sea Point, on the occasion of a banquet to Scottish Volunteers, Dr. Gill, the Astronomer Royal, said, *inter alia*, that Mr.



Sauer wrote to the professors of the South African College complaining that the students had processioned upon the day Lady-mith was relieved.

A "Cape Argus" correspondent at Bloemfontein says: "The night before Lord Roberts marched in, President Steyn had a cart and six horses in waiting near the Railway Station; Steyn was on horseback. As the burghers had declared they would cease fighting if he went away he rode round the lines to disarm suspicion and then took flight in the vehicle with £18,000 from the Treasury and boarded a goods train at Brandfort.

Even drowsy Maritzburg has declared its views in support of the action of the Imperial Government, and its entire concurrence in the refusal of Her Majesty's Ministers to allow the Republic's independence. Still Mafeking is silent both upon this and the other important question on which, doubtless, the Imperial Government require to know the opinions of South Africa:—the treatment of rebels.

Apropos of General French, the "Natal Advertiser" says:—His services in Natal, Cape Colony, at the Modder—have been singular. He has never been out-maneuvred or checked by the Boers.

## Boxing Competition.

This fixture is unavoidably cancelled owing to insufficiency of entries.

## MAFEKING GARRISON.

### GENERAL ORDERS

By Colonel R. S. S. Baden-Powell,  
Commanding Frontier Force.

MAFEKING, 4TH MAY, 1900.

Notice.—With reference to the Notice appearing in last night's "Slip" concerning proposed photographic group of all Germans who have taken up arms in the defence of Mafeking, to be taken next Sunday, at 9 a.m., at Riesle's Hotel, O.C.'s Corps and Units are requested to give every possible facility to those under their command, to attend

Relief Funds Committee.—A meeting of the above Committee will be held to-morrow, Saturday, the 5th inst., at 11 a.m., at the Court House.

Rations.—

(a) Meat.—From Monday, the 6th instant, inclusive, no further issue of Tinned Meat will be made through the Grocery Issue Stores: in lieu thereof a fresh meat ration will be issued daily from the A.S.C. Butchery on application.

(b) Sugar.—Owing to the men of the Garrison agreeing to forego their Sugar Ration the ration (European) women and children will be increased from Sunday 6th instant inclusive, as follows:

Women 1½ oz. per diem.

Children 1 oz. " "

By order,

E. H. CECIL, Major,  
Chief Staff Officer.

## Auction Notice.

The undersigned will hold their usual

## Siege Auction Sale

— ON —

### SUNDAY NEXT,

commencing at 9.30 a.m., and being duly instructed by the Imperial Government will sell

162 HORSE HIDES,

57 DONKEY "

8 OX & COW "

30 GOAT SKINS.

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SUITE OF FURNITURE,  
and the usual Assortment of Goods.

Aldred & Ross,  
Auctioneers and Sworn Appraisers.

E. Platnauer,

Auctioneer, etc.,

WILL sell, amongst other goods,  
on his usual Sale, Sunday,  
6th May, a complete collection of

## SHELLS.

DON'T FORGET TO INSPECT.

Look out for the grand collection of  
HORNS TO BE RAFFLED.

## Final Notice.

PLATNAUER'S Siege Lottery  
closes 12 o'clock Monday  
morning.

No Tickets will be issued after  
then.

Drawing at Bradley's Hotel same  
evening at 7-30 o'clock.

### Ex-Employees

of the Castle Line are asked to communicate with the undersigned, with the view to arrange for taking a photograph.

G. WALFORD,

c/o Dixon's Hotel.

## Grand Siege Concert

UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF

Colonel R. S. S. Baden-Powell  
and Officers of the Garrison,

WILL BE HELD ON

Sunday next, May 6th,

The 206th Day of the Siege,

AT THE

MASONIC HALL,

Commencing at 4-30 p.m.

ADMISSION 2s.

A LIMITED NUMBER OF RESERVED  
SEATS 4s.

Plan at ALDRED & ROSS.

### PROGRAMME:

#### PART I.

- Overture "Light Cavalry." Suppé  
By Members of the Amateur  
ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY.
- Song "The Storm Fiend" ...  
Mr. A. CAMPBELL.
- Sketch Selected ...  
JOHN PADDY REDIVIVUS.
- Song "Beauty's Eyes." ...  
Mr. BULLIED.
- Recitation "The Billiard Marker."  
Mr. C. X. McKENNA.
- Song "Honey O." ...  
Capt. RYAN.

Interval of Five Minutes.

#### PART II.

- Intermezzo Allan Macbeth.  
By Members of the Amateur  
ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY.
  - Song "Sunshine and Rain." ...  
Rev. W. H. WEEKES.
  - Comic Song "Little Miss Parleyvous"  
Mr. BERT TAYLOR.
  - Song "The Diver." ...  
Mr. A. CAMPBELL.
  - "A Tramp Abroad." ...  
Mr. MARKET WAINE.
  - Song "The Battlefield." ...  
Mr. G. FITZGERALD.
- God Save the Queen.

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Saturday, May 5th, 1900. 205th Day of Siege

### THE Mafeking Mail.

SATURDAY, 5TH MAY, 1900.

AT LAST! HURRAH!!

At last we may with confidence look forward to the speedy conclusion of our troubles. There have been so many set-backs to the progress of our Relief Column, that now it is really advancing with rapidity and getting close here, the news comes upon us with quite a shock. Many who have been disposed to grumble at what has appeared to them neglectful delay, have quite overlooked the enormous difficulties which prevented an earlier advance. Not have there been the ordinary obstacles to overcome, those which always oppose themselves to the quick moving of a large body of men, but almost every mile has been contested and its passage fought for. It seemed a long while to us who were waiting, waiting, from the time we received the notification that Lord Methuen had taken command of the Mafeking Relief Force on March 14th, or when we learned that the "vanguard of the Mafeking Relief Column had proceeded to Warrenton on March 19th," but as a matter of fact it took some weeks to completely rout the enemy at this last-named place. Although there has been no engagement of importance since that, and now is not likely to be till after Mafeking is relieved, the road from Kuruman is a long one; and the time taken has not been by any means proportionately long. In fact

we may regard with astonishment the wonderful mobility of this large column, hampered, as it necessarily is, with its heavy artillery. Whether the column coming round by Klerksdorp will be able to exhibit the like mobility remains to be seen, but there is no reason to suppose its advance will be less rapid during the next five days than it has been during the past week. Under any circumstances we may congratulate ourselves that at last our patient endurance is about to be rewarded.

The following officers are coming from England to serve with General Carrington:—

Col. H. C. Wood (late X. Hussars)  
Lt.-Col. Leslie (5th R.I. Fusiliers)  
Lt.-Col. B. G. Booth (late Scots Guards)  
Maj. J. W. Traill (late 4th Cheshire)  
Capt. R. Grey, C.M.G. (late Inniskillings)  
Capt. C. P. Curzon (late XVIII. Hussars)  
Capt. F. C. P. Curzon (late R. I. Rifles)  
Capt. H. F. F. Fisher, A.S.C.  
Vet. Capt. H. Mann  
Lt. J. K. Rashleigh (late Artillery Militia)  
Lt. F. Lawrence (do.)  
Lt. G. Burgoyne, 3rd D.G.

The squadron of Australian Bushmen was in camp at Marandellas, on the 26th ult. It has been decided they will not want a camp at Gwelo.

### THE MILITARY TOURNAMENT

The Military Tournament at the Recreation Ground on Sunday turned out a complete success, in spite of short rations, and proved an interesting novelty in Siege entertainments. The manner in which the lengthy programme was carried out reflected great credit upon the General Committee. With such a big undertaking it is a wonder there was no hiatus, and this we think is due,

in no small measure, to Sergt. Majors Bruce, Malley, Gwynne and Wylie, who worked exceedingly hard to keep the show going. The various items were well contested and the masterlike manner in which the different exercises were gone through, was evidently well appreciated, from the vociferous applause that rewarded each carefully watched bout. Honours were fairly equally divided between the B.S.A.P. and the Protectorate Regiment, and the Bechuanaland Rifles did well, but the fact that the C.P. were unrepresented caused a great deal of comment amongst the spectators, and expressions of wonder at their non-appearance, which we re-echo. In the "Smartest Turned-out Soldier," mounted, Trooper Murrell deservedly carried off the prize, but in the dismounted, the judges must have found it a difficult task to decide whether Sergeant Rosenfield was or was not to be declared a winner. However, they all looked smart and fit, and, considering the conditions they have lived under for over a half a year, wonderfully so. The following is the official list of the results:—

- 1—Smartest turned-out Soldier—mounted:  
1st prize, Tpr Marshall, BSAP  
2nd " Sergt White, Prot Regt
- 2—Smartest turned-out Soldier—dismounted:  
1st prize, Tpr Ireland, Prot Regt  
2nd " Tpr Nicholls, BSAP
- 3—Bayonet v. Bayonet:  
1st prize, L-Sgt Rosenfield, Bechd Rifles  
2nd prize, Pte Jackson, Bechd Rifles
- 4—Sword v. Sword:  
1st prize, Cpl Baishier, Prot Regt  
2nd " Rgtl S M Malley "
- 5—Lancing:  
1st prize, Tpr Murrell, BSAP  
2nd " Tpr Kennedy "
- 6—Balachava Mole:  
1st prize, R S M Malley's Team, Prot Regt  
2nd Prize, BSAP Team
- 7—Not contested
- 8—Cadets Letter-carrying Competition. Possible points 10.  

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|                        | Tl. Points. |
| 1st prize Pte L Brown, | 8-75        |
| 2nd " Corpl G Gates,   | 8-5         |
| Pte A Brown,           | 8           |
| " C Howles,            | 8           |
| " J Rentzke,           | 8           |
| " R Wright,            | 8           |

9—Bayonet Exercise :

- 1st prize, BSAP Team  
2nd „ No. 1 Team, Prot Regt

10—Lance Exercise :

- 1st prize, Prot Regt Team  
2nd „ BSAP Team

11—Sword Exercise :

- 1st prize, BSAP Team  
2nd „ "A" Sqdn Team Prot Regt

12—Heads and Posts :

- 1st prize, Tpr Robertson, Prot Regt  
2nd „ Tpr Murrell, BSAP  
3rd „ T S M Bunbury, BSAP

13—Victoria Cross Race :

- 1st prize, Tpr Murrell, „  
2nd „ Tpr Robertson, Prot Regt

## MAFEKING GARRISON

### GENERAL ORDERS

By Colonel R. S. S. Baden-Powell,  
Commanding Frontier Force.

MAFEKING, 5TH MAY, 1900.

*Appointment*—C. G. H. Bell, Esq. C.C. & R.M., is appointed Judicial Commissioner to the Colonel Commanding, to date from the 13th October, 1899, inclusive.

*Court of Summary Jurisdiction.*—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet on Monday, the 7th inst., at the Court House, at 10-15 a.m., for the examination of such prisoners as may be brought before it. President: Lieut.-Col. C. B. Vyryan. Member: Major F. W. Panzera.

*Relief Funds—Committee.*—The following two members are hereby added to the Committee formed to administer and Relief Funds by General Order No. 1 of 13th April, 1900.

Capt. Cowan, Commanding Bechuanaland Rifles.

Capt. More, Commanding Railway Division, Town Guards.

*Grocery Bar—Hours of Issue.*—The Grocery Bar will be open only between the following hours daily, and no stores will be issued at any other times :

Morning, 7 to 10 a.m.  
Evening, 4 to 6 p.m.

*Rations.—Meat*—The question of requirements and of the present available stock having been very carefully considered it is deemed necessary to issue, in future, Horse-beef and Ox-beef on alternate days regularly. This will ensure the cattle lasting much longer.

General Order No. 3 (n), of 30th April, laying down an issue of Horse-meat three days, and Ox-meat four days a week, is therefore hereby amended accordingly.

By order,

E. H. CECIL, Major,  
Chief Staff Officer.

Having taken four oxen from the Boers, the beef will be cooked and on sale by to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock. Back of Lippmann's.

### ACROSTIC.

No. 5.

SUBJECTS.

Let Hercules himself do what he may,  
My first will do my second ev'ry day.

Each third will have its fourth. (It may be dated  
That this acrostic is reduplicated.)

LIGHTS.

1 What turkeys suffer ; tis n't education  
Though helping muffs to pass examination.

2. A woman, once ; who now a net can spin  
So charming that poor flies are taken in.

3. It never comes—thus simple people say—  
So what you have t' accomplish do to-day.

1. Old King Coal is a jolly soul  
As black can be is he ;  
But his charming lass is as clear as glass,  
And a hard-hearted dame is she.

2. A chosen band ; at wave of hand,  
They labour hard to play.

3. And in a the-atro you'll see  
This part oft has the sway !

### Auction Notice.

The undersigned will hold their usual  
**Siege Auction Sale**

— ON —

**SUNDAY NEXT,**

commencing at 9.30 a.m., and being duly instructed by the Imperial Government will sell

162 HORSE HIDES.

57 DONKEY „

8 OX & COW „

30 GOAT SKINS.

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**Aldred & Ross,**

Auctioneers and Sworn Appraisers.

**WANTED**,—Several 1-pd  
Maxims and 94-pdr.  
Bases.— Apply Monday, to  
N.C.O., this office.

## TENDERS.

**TENDERS** are hereby invited by the Imperial Government for the supply of 120 Shirts for the use of the Troops. The quality to be as near as possible like the Grey Army Pattern.

A specimen of the above may be seen on application to the Chief Clerk at the Headquarter Office.

Sealed Tenders—marked "Shirts"—to be handed in to the Chief Staff Officer not later than 10 a.m., on 7th instant.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

### The Phonograph

will be raffled for at

**BRADLEY'S HOTEL,**

To-morrow (Sunday) evening,  
at 8 o'clock.

**E. Platnauer.**

### The Most Interesting

**Photograph of the Lot!**

It is suggested that a photographic group should be taken of all the ladies in Mafeking who have at any time during the siege assisted either at the Victoria Hospital or the Convalescent Hospital.

Ladies are requested to come to the Victoria Hospital at 3 p.m. to-morrow (Sunday) afternoon : aprons and red crosses to be worn. Caps if possible.

**E. Platnauer,**

Auctioneer, etc.,

**WILL** sell, amongst other goods, on his usual Sale, Sunday, 6th May, a complete collection of

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Monday, May 7th, 1900.

207th Day of Siege

THE  
Mafeking Mail.

MONDAY, 7TH MAY, 1900.

### MEMS.

James Smith the Zulu, who it will be remembered, considered he was entitled to a verdict of "not guilty" because he already had two unfinished sentences to work out, was liberated from gaol on Tuesday last on conditions that he would leave the town. He thought to provide himself for the journey by appropriating three fowls, so we still have Zulu James Smith on our hands; which would not be the case were the Colonel not more humane than some of us would be.

We regret to record the death of Lance-Corporal Edmund Ironside, of the Bechuanaland Rifles. It will be remembered he was wounded by pieces and bullets from the shrapnel that struck the House Club on March 12th, as he was going to visit a comrade who lay in the Hospital. A short time ago it was found necessary to amputate his leg, and since then, in spite of his splendid constitution, he gradually sank, although he bore his sufferings bravely like the true soldier he was. Deceased was about 30 years of age, came from Aberdeen some two-and-a-half years ago. He was in the first Volunteer Battalion of the Gordon Highlanders and secured many prizes for his excellent marksmanship. He was second highest score in the Northern Rifle Challenge Cup Competition last year. He was at Johannesburg till just before the outbreak of hostilities, when he came to this town and joined the Rifles. He was no stranger here, as he lived in Mafeking before going to Johannesburg. He is deeply regretted by his fellow N.C.O.'s and men of the corps. At the funeral, which took place at daybreak on Sunday morning, the Boers opened a brisk rifle fire continued during the passage of the bearers and mourners from the Hospital to the churchyard, one bullet striking the wall just close to the officiating minister, Rev. W. H. Weekes.

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By the courtesy of Father Ogle we are able to print the following extracts from a letter he received from Father Hartmann (with Col. Plumer's column), dated April 30th:—

"Last week I went with Archdeacon Upcher to the battlefield of March 31st (Ramathlabama), to put a cross over the grave of Lieutenant Milligan, who had been killed in action during the fight. He had been buried by the Boers the following day in an ant-bear hole. He had fallen, and was buried, near Cottage 174, at the 880 mile peg. On my way back to Ramathlabama I looked for and found my diary which I had dropped on the day of the fight.

"When will your deliverance come? Every day, of course, brings it nearer.

"Important considerations prevent me telling you what I am certain it would be some relief to you to know. The military authorities keep a more strict censorship than ever before. I can realise how anxious you must be to get more information of what is going on at the seats of war. Let us hope it will not be very long till we meet each other."

### TREATMENT OF REBELS.

The following letter has been addressed to Mr. H. S. Caldecott, Chairman of the Uitlander Committee, Pietermaritzburg, with the request from the writer and his brother officers that it should be published:—

Botha's Castle, near Greytown,  
May 22nd, 1900.

Dear Sir,—The announcement made in the Cape Colony that the rank and file of the rebels are to return to their farms and receive a

free pardon was received in our camp with mingled feelings of alarm and anger.

We, colonists and uitlanders, who have sacrificed our homes, in fact our all, and are risking our lives for our Queen and country, ask if we are going to be sold again as we were in 1881.

To say that the rebel Boers in the Colonies were led astray by ignorance is mere piffle. As a descendant of the British settlers in 1820, I claim to know my Boer, and say unhesitatingly that this spirit of rebellion has been growing in the breast of each individual Boer so far back as my childhood's days, when they used openly to declare that some day they would throw off the "British yoke," and have "Africa for the Africans."

It is utterly absurd to think that these rebels were suddenly persuaded by their leaders to rebel; and to talk of showing leniency, the British Government may just as well at once offer a premium on rebellion.

It is neither just nor right to the loyal Dutch to allow these men to go scot-free.

It is most unfair to us Volunteers, to allow these rebels to lie behind stones and shoot us down, and just when we have cornered them to allow them to "throw up the sponge," and be absolutely forgiven—this in the face of immense damage done by them, in wantonly destroying the property of loyal subjects, and Government's as well.

I am convinced that in place of it being looked upon as leniency, by these rebels, it will be looked upon as a sign of weakness, and they would to-morrow join the other side if they saw the least chance of success of the Republics.

It is the prevailing feeling that their properties at least should be confiscated, so as to in a small way help to lighten the debt that they have helped to put about the shoulders of the British nation.

And as a further punishment, I would suggest doing away altogether with the use of the Dutch language, both in the House of Parliament and the Law Courts.

It is a great relief to us to know that both Republics are to cease to exist, for had the British Government decided otherwise it would have

caused us uitlanders to become bitter enemies of the Empire for selling us to the Boers.

Seuth Africa has a great future before it, and has done a good deal already in welding together the "Greatest Empire in the world," and may some day be able to do very much more in upholding that position.—I am, yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) LEONARD W. LANHAM,  
Lieut. B.M.I.

Yesterday the Boers tried to capture some horses, and managed to get onc. A Maxim had been placed to receive them, in case they made the attempt, but, unfortunately, it jammed at the second shot.

The regrettable part of the affair is that as Trooper J. Francis, B.S.A.P. tried to turn the horses hack when the Boers were seen, he was shot through the heart, dead. Our men, in returning the fire, killed one Boer, winged another, and captured his horse and saddle.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

Mafeking, May 4th, 1900.

To the Editor Mafeking Mail.

SIR,—On perusing the Slip of even date, one or two thoughts strike me, and with your permission I will give you the benefit of them.

Firstly—The "Stop the War" Committee—"I would suggest that they be immured at Colney Hatch and classed as A.I.'s (otherwise amiable idiots); or on the other hand they be sent out here to dwell under the rule of "Paul, the benign."

Secondly: In regard to Mr. J. W. Sauer's complaint about the S. A. College students celebrating the relief of Ladysmith, can he be annoyed that the event came to pass? A truly loyal subject, to be sure! A Minister of the Crown too.

Lastly: Under which thimble is Lord Metbuen?

Yours faithfully,

ROSA DARTLE.

## AN ACROSTIC FOR CHILDREN.

No. 6.

One in crude form should be the other's food.  
Both, now by hungry men, are voted good.

1. Joy, grief, surprise, this one short word conveys.
2. Sweet notes from this will always merit praise.
3. Two legs or four, a horse or mare is this.

4. Successor of a stage coach, or a kiss.
5. However rich, none will complain of more.
6. This article is what we'll give the Boer.
7. In this is found a felon, monk or bee.
8. Hear and obey, 'tis the white Czar's decree.
9. A messenger or flower many hued.
10. From end to end this light must he pursued

Our vanity has been so much tickled that we could not do otherwise than find a place for the following flattering lines:

## THE "MAFEKING MAIL."

In gown and slippers loosely dressed,  
And breakfast brought a welcome guest,  
What is it gives the meal a zest,  
The "Mafeking Mail."

When beefsteaks no more our table grace,  
But Neighing Mince Meat takes their place,  
Say what enlivens every face,  
The "Mafeking Mail."

In vain is Sowens hissing hot,  
In vain Rich Hyson fills the pot,  
If careless Trooper has forgot  
Tho "Mafeking Mail."

Who told bow Boers our dead did loot,  
And at women, Hospital, Couvent shoot,  
But when our boys got close, did scoot,  
The "Mafeking Mail."

What informs the world around  
Of stolen, strayed, or lost or found,  
Who's born, and who's put underground,  
The "Mafeking Mail."

What is it tells of concert, ball,  
The Sunday happenings at the hall,  
And would "hang Snyman," "D—  
Oom Paul,"  
The "Mafeking Mail."

Its worth and merits thou rev're  
And since to-day brings us good cheer,  
Forget not that "Relief" is near,  
Nor think you e're can pay too dear,  
The "Mafeking Mail."

E.J.P.

BIRTH, at Carisbroke, Sea Point, Capetown, on April 20th, the wife of B. B. Weil, Esq., of a Son.

## NOTICE.

NICHOL MACKENZIE,—Supposed to have arrived in Mafeking at the beginning of October, 1899.

Particulars of his whereabouts are inquired for by his friends.

Information is requested to the Chief Staff Officer, Headquarters, Mafeking.

## LOST.

A Bunch of a few small KEYS. Owner thinks he remembers lending them, about a month or two ago, to someone who wanted to open a box, the key of which he had mislaid. If anybody, seeing this, remembers the circumstance and will hunt up and return the keys it would save a deal of inconvenience to advertiser.

N., "Mail" office.

L. COUGHLIN, Name of, on a bunch of Keys found. — Apply "Mail" office.



## "Austral" Lodge.

No. 2534, E.C

BRO. REV. W. H. WEEKES, W.M.

THE Emergency Meeting opened last evening was adjourned till 8 p.m. this evening.

Visiting B.B. cordially invited.

Working in the first degree.

## Note Paper and Envelopes.

50 Sheets of Ancient Scottish Note Paper, lined, and Envelopes to match,

In Box, 3s.

50 Sheets of Old English Note Paper, lined, and Envelopes to match.

In Box, 3s.

18 Sheets Cream Laid Note Paper, with Envelopes, Blotting and Pen-holder,

In Box, 2s.

AT THE "MAIL" OFFICE.

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# THE MAFEKING MAIL

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No. 138

Tuesday, May 8th, 1900.

208th Day of Siege

THE  
Mafeking Mail.

TUESDAY, 8TH MAY, 1900.

### MEMS.

After the Paardeberg surrender Kruger and Steyn tried to persuade the Boers to make a firm resistance at Poplar Grove, some few miles further up the River than Koodoo's Rand, but they could not prevail upon them to stand, their demoralisation was too great and our forces were victorious. That was on March 7th. By the Prince of Wales' wedding day, March 10th, Lord Roberts had chased them to Driefontein, and further towards Bloemfontein, and engaged them. Being again beaten Steyn collapsed, and, as we have before reported, made arrangements for getting away. Kruger reached Kroonstad the day before our flag was planted at last; and for ever, at Bloemfontein. The day afterwards he annexed the remainder of the Free State and threatened with death, all the Free State burghers who did not come at once to Kroonstad.

BOER SHOT BY B——. W——.

On Sunday last, as most of our readers will remember, the Boers opened fire all along our South Western Frontier, in support of a raiding party operating near Canon Kopje. Thinking probably that they would catch us napping, a party, near the Railway Cottage, ventured in somewhat nearer than usual; and to their surprise found Lieut. McKenzie and the Black Watch ready for them; with the result that they retired, leaving one of their number stretched across the railway line. The Boers made several unsuccessful attempts to get the body away, and eventually gave it up till night-fall.

### COUNT THEM

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It may be necessary to serve their rations from the kitchen, but it is certainly not necessary that they should use the street for a dining room, in fact for everything but sleeping quarters.

I am, yours, &c.,

CIVIS.

A COLONIAL ENGLISHMAN: Do you not know that the rule, all over the world is that nothing is inserted in a newspaper unless the correspondent sends his proper name?

## MAFEKING GARRISON

### GENERAL ORDERS

By Colonel R. S. S. Baden-Powell,  
Commanding Frontier Force.

MAFEKING, 8TH MAY, 1900.

The last news from Vryburg is a flutter amongst the Boer dove-cots there, at the unpleasant news of the near approach of the British; it was a common topic of conversation that the Landrost was preparing to leave at any moment.

### SPORTS PRIZES FUNDS.

The Secretary desires to acknowledge the receipt of a cheque for £10 10s., from Mr. James Winter. a generous and welcome donation to the above funds.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

Mafeking, May 7th, 1900.

To the Editor Mafeking Mail.

SIR,—Allow me to ask, through your columns, whether it is not possible to mitigate the nuisance caused by the soup kitchen at the back of Mr. Lippmann's store. From dawn till dark the street and footpath in the immediate neighbourhood are taken entire possession of by crowds of dirty, noisy, malodorous natives, who lie about gossiping at the top of their voices, between feeds, and make the place a perfect pandemonium. The smell from the kitchen is not pleasant; but this is nothing to the stench, noise and general nuisance caused by the idle natives who have made this their pet loafing ground.

Garrisons of Posts should stand to Arms just before daybreak on Sunday as well as week-day mornings, as it is quite possible that the enemy might take advantage of Sunday to get up near to a fort under cover of darkness and attempt to rush it so soon as there was light enough to see, hoping to catch the garrison sleeping.

Now that relief is near extra watchfulness must be employed, as the enemy will see that unless they make some extra effort they won't take Mafeking—and it is evident they don't like attempting an open attack.

*Promotions (Protectorate Regiment)*  
—To be Lieutenants: Squadron Sergt.-Major S. A. Bruce, vice Captain Sandford, killed in action. Sergeant R. W. Waller, vice Lieut. Paton, killed in action.

The above promotions are subject to confirmation by the proper authority, and date from 1st May, 1900, inclusive.

*Half Pay.*—Lieutenant J. Brady, Protectorate Regiment, is placed on half pay (without allowances), on account of ill health, from the 1st May, 1900, inclusive.

*Court of Enquiry.*—A Court of Enquiry, composed as under, will assemble at such place and time as the President may appoint, to investigate the circumstances under which Private W. Smith, Town



Guard, met with his death through the accidental explosion of a shell in Mr. Gerrans' shop.

The Court will record its opinion as to whether such explosion was due in any way to culpable negligence, disobedience of orders, etc.

**PRESIDENT:** Captain W. Scholefield, B.S.A.P.

**MEMBERS:** A Subaltern, Protectorate Regiment.

A Subaltern Bechnanaland Rifles.

Proceedings, in duplicate, to be forwarded to the Chief Staff Officer.

**Convent Look-out.**—Sergt. Martincau to be N.C.O. in charge under Captain Goodyear.

Corpl. Godson, Railway Division, is posted to the Convent Look-out from 1st April, inclusive.

**"Black Watch."**—The Col. Commanding is pleased to notice the good work done by three members of McKenzie's Black Watch on Sunday last. Under heavy fire they pluckily turned and rescued some horses, bringing them safely in. The natives in question are awarded the following gratuities in recognition of their service:—

|           |      |
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| Pete      | £1   |
| Telfans,  | 10/- |
| Clatnquan | 10/- |

**Removal of Rubbish.**—All dry rubbish removed from the Town in private carts must be deposited IN the pits allotted for the purpose, and not on the ground surrounding them. The pits at present in use are:

(1) Below the S. end of Carrington Street.

(2) West of the Pound enclosure. Rubbish from the Railway Camp is to be deposited in the Sanitary Pits N. of the Camp and W. of the Cemetery.

Drivers and boys should be instructed accordingly.

By order,

E. H. CECIL, Major,  
Chief Staff Officer.

## AN ACROSTIC FOR CHILDREN.

No. 7.

Sister Anne! Sister Anne! is any one coming?  
From North and from South busy rumour is humming,  
I am anxiously watching with eye and with ear,  
For the long promised help which slowly draws near.

1. A fabled bird of monstrous size.
2. This mocking sprite pursuit defies.
3. Hushed is the storm for briefest span.
4. We two together, guess who can!
5. A sign or token lifted high.
6. "She stoops to conquer" from the sky.

## PROCLAMATION

By Colonel R. S. S. BADEN-POWELL, Senior Officer in command of Her Majesty's Troops in Mafeking, in the Colony of the Cape of Good Hope.

**WHEREAS** it is necessary to grant protection to PARK MOFFAT, of Mafeking, of his invention styled "The Moffat Acetylene Patent Signalling Lamp," whilst the Siege of Mafeking continues,

And whereas the said Park Moffat has satisfied me of the usefulness of his said invention, and that he is the first inventor of this said Patent.

Now therefore, under and by virtue of the power vested in me, I do hereby proclaim, and declare and make known that the said Patent of the said Park Moffat is protected as and from the Fifteenth day of March, 1900, until such time as the said Park Moffat can comply with the Colonial Law in obtaining its protection in terms of Act No. 17 of 1860.

R. S. S. BADEN POWELL,  
Colonel Commanding  
Mafeking Garrison.

Mafeking, 8th May, 1900.

Promulgated:

This eighth day of May, 1900,  
E. H. CECIL, Major,  
Chief Staff Officer.

## Execution Sale.

In the Summary Court of the  
Resident Magistrate, Mafeking.

## Extraordinary Jurisdiction Notice.

In the matter between ABRAHAM HESSEN, Plaintiff, and S. COHEN & Son, Defendants.

**NOTICE** is hereby given that the goods enumerated below, which have been attached in the above matter, under writ of Execution, will be sold by Public Auction, on the 13TH MAY NEXT, at 10 O'CLOCK, on the Market Square, unless previously released.

By order of the Court,  
W. J. E. MAHONY,  
Messenger of the Court.  
Mafeking.  
7th May, 1900.

## INVENTORY.

2 pairs Cut Trousers  
17 yards Indian Cloth  
1 roll Brown Jean  
½ roll Silasia  
2 pairs Black Leather Leggings  
1 pee Horse Hair  
23 Reels Cotton, silk twist & thread  
7 boxes Button (partly full)  
1 Bicycle Frame  
1 roll Paper Patterns  
1 Sewing Machine  
1 Wooden Box, containing sworn declaration and list goods, S.

Cohen & Sons, at 10th October 1899

- 4 new Tennis Shirts
- 3 new Pyjama Suits, 1 blue Shirt
- 3 pairs Braces, 9 Ties
- 5 White Shirts, 23 White Collars
- 1 box Ties, lot Studs and Links
- 1 pair Brown Boots, 4 Watches
- 1 Napkin Ring, 4 rolls of Patterns
- 1 Cat's eye Pin and Tie

## Notice.

The Headquarters Staff Office is now at Mr. Minchin's House, the door nearest the corner.

## STAMPS.

**WANTED** to purchase specimens of the following:—

3d. Imperial, surcharged B. Protectorate, and 6d.

1½ Green Imperial, surcharged B. Protectorate, and 2/-

3d. Mauve Colonial, surcharged, 6d.

Reply, stating number and price, to R.W., this office.

## Under the Patronage of

COLONEL R. S. S. BADEN-POWELL  
AND OFFICERS OF THE GARRISON,

## A SPORTS MEETING

WILL BE HELD ON

SUNDAY, MAY 13TH, 1900

AT THE

RECREATION GROUND,

## PROGRAMME:

1. 330 Yards Race. Prizes 15s., 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d.
2. Long Jump. Prizes 10s., 5s., 3s., 2s.
3. Schildpad Trek (teams of four). Priz s £1, 10s.
4. First Heats, Tug of War.
5. Three-legged Race. Prizes 15s., 7s. 6d.
6. Bicycle Race. Prizes £1, 10s., 5s.
7. Wrestling. Prizes £1, 10s., 5s.
8. Best Dressed Girl. 1st prize £1, further prizes according to entries.
9. Final for Tug of War. Prizes £1 10s., 15s.
10. Lloyd Lindsay at Bottle (Teams of four). Prizes £1, 10s.
11. Throwing the Assegai and Kerry (Assegai for distance, Kerry at a mark). Prizes £1 and 10s.; £1 and 10s.
12. Greasy Pole. Prizes 11bs Sausage and 10s., 5s.

By kind permission of the Officer Commanding, the Band of the Colonial Contingent will play during the afternoon.

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Wednesday, May 9th, 1900.

209th Day of Siege

### THE Mafeking Mail.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH MAY, 1900.

#### MEMS.

The concert, postponed last Sunday at the Masonic Hall at 5 p.m. Those tickets for reserved seats purchased last week, will hold good, but anyone not wishing to make use of them next Sunday, can obtain a refund on application to Messrs. Aldred & Ross.

We saw, over a fire in the open, a pot carefully watched. We were curious as to its contents. "Meat pudding, made with minced 'gee-gee' and violet powder," was the reply.

Another combination pudding we have heard of, but up till now, have not had courage enough to try, is made of violet powder, Fuller's earth, and crushed mealies.

A good natured friend put us up to an excellent move. "Get," said he, "some glycerine to eat with the Sowsens. It is a very good sweetener," but he did not tell us how to get the glycerine.

Water! Ye mouths, Plumer's ribs and undercut to morrow.

They say the "Brawn" makes good Mock Turtle. More "mock" than "turtle," *bien entendu*.

We hear it whispered, and hope it is true, that at last Mafeking will take steps to let the world know how she feels towards those important questions: The Annexation, and the Treatment of Rebels.

How about the farmers, when the question of compensation comes on? Will they be "left" as per usual.

Rudyard Kipling has telegraphed the following verse to the re-formed Bloemfontein paper:

Oh! Terence dear, did you hear

The news that's going round?

The Shamrock's Erin's badge by law

Where'er her sons be found

From Bloemfontein to Bally Hoek,

'Tis ordered by the Queen.

We've won our right, in open fight

To the wearing of the green.

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But the "Friend of the Free State" cannot be blamed by O.F.S. burghers. This is what that journal said in September last:—Our cry is "Equal rights for all whites in South Africa, no matter what nationality they are," and this is the policy which has hitherto been pursued in the Orange Free State, but which, it now seems, the powers-that-be in our land are going to repudiate in favour of the subjection of all but Afrianders. It is a lamentable stand to take, and we warn our "Raadsleden" that they will yet live to regret the foolishness of adopting it.

#### MR. SCHREINER.

#### What about Mafeking?

On returning from Government House, Capetown, the procession (which was formed by the gathering at the great Green-Market Square Meeting in favour of annexation) encountered Mr. W. P. Schreiner and his private secretary just on the corner of Adderley and Wale Streets. A halt was abruptly made, and the Premier was surrounded by a great crowd amidst tremendous hooting and hissing. Mr. Schreiner faced the multitude for a moment, and then took refuge in Kamp's Cafe. A rush immediately ensued, and cries of "chuck him out," came from every side. The crowd had now assumed gigantic proportions, and the door of the cafe was rushed pell-mell. But Chief Inspector A. Clark, with a posse of mounted and foot police, arrived just in the nick of time to stop the front line of the strong party on the very doorstep.

The crowd remained outside hooting and singing "God Save the

Queen" and "Rule Britannia." For forty minutes the police tried their utmost to disperse the multitude, even galloping their horses on the pavement, but failed absolutely. Eventually the Premier reappeared at the door and the hooting was resumed. Between a guard of policemen Mr. Schreiner proceeded towards Parliament House, followed by mounted police, while immense crowds rushed on in front and behind. Arriving at the entrance to Parliament grounds, the Premier halted and endeavoured to address the assemblage amidst tremendous hooting and cries of "Traitor." In the uproar he was heard to advise them to reserve their judgment, and said in the end they would see he was right (cries of "Traitor" and

"WHAT ABOUT MAFEKING?")

In a skilful manner Inspector Clark cleared a patch in front of the gate, and the Premier slipped in, the gate being shut and looked behind him. Hooting was kept up until Mr. Schreiner disappeared into Parliament House, and then the crowd began to disperse. During the melee some persons were arrested and conducted to the Police Station, followed by an enormous crowd.

After Mr. Schreiner had finished speaking, the crowd started "God Save the Queen," whereupon Mr. Schreiner lifted his hat; amidst cheers.

## MAFEKING GARRISON

#### GENERAL ORDERS

By Colonel R. S. S. Baden-Powell,  
Commanding Frontier Force.

MAFEKING, 9TH MAY, 1900.

*Relief Committee.*—The Relief Committee which was formed under General Order No. 1, of 13th April, having commenced their sittings, it is published for information

1. That any claims should be sent in, as soon as possible, to the Secretary Relief Committee, Headquarter Office.

2. The cases to be dealt with will be divided into the following two classes:—

(a). Cases of distress requiring present and immediate relief.

(b). Cases requiring eventual relief owing to the loss of relatives on whom the applicant was dependent.

3. No cases can be dealt with in which the distress did not arise out of the war.

4. Commanding Officers of Corps are requested to bring to the notice of the Committee, as early as possible, any cases of distress connected with their Corps, either under heading 2 (a) or (b).

5. No cases for compensation for loss of property, goods, etc., can be dealt with by the Relief Committee, but should be referred to the Assessment Committee, if caused by shell fire; and, in other cases, to the C.S.O.

*Forage and Grazing.*—Lieutenant Moncreiffe to be in charge of all forage and grazing.

*Casualties.*—All casualty returns will, in future, be rendered to Lieutenant McKenzie.

*Garrison of Posts.*—It is absolutely necessary, to secure the safety of the town, that a sufficient garrison is at all times present in a work, or post, for its defence in case of emergency, until reinforced on the "Alarm" sounding, etc.

Officers Commanding Corps and Units, and Post Commanders will never, therefore, permit a larger proportion than one-third of the garrison to be absent at any one time from the work, or post. It is to be specially noted that this order is to be carried out on Sundays as well as week days.

*Acting Rank.*—Private Pyper, Cape Police D 2, is hereby granted the acting rank of Corporal while employed as Assistant to Sergeant Abrams, in charge of the Stadt Watchmen.

*Care of Maxims.*—In order to prevent any chance of Maxims jamming from preventable causes O.C.'s sections of Defence will frequently inspect the guns in their respective commands.

The ammunition should also be kept thoroughly clean, as a small clot of rust or verdigris is very liable to cause the cartridge case to jam in the chamber, and the extractor to pull off the base.

Officers concerned will report every Monday morning to the Officer Commanding Artillery that the Maxims in their command, together with their ammunition, have been inspected during the past week and append for his information, any remarks on their condition, etc.

By order,  
E. H. CECIL, Major,  
Chief Staff Officer.

## "BRIDGE."

SCORING tablets for this fashionable game may be obtained, Two Shillings each, at

ALDRED & ROSS.

## Acrostic for Babies.

No 8.

They're tightly cased within their walls,  
They're our best friends, now hunger calls.

1. A foe to germs, the doctor's friend,
2. A wizard's spell, to curse or mend.
3. This cruel goddess of dusky race,
4. That fickle god, so fair of face.
5. A Sacred town in a Northern clime,
6. The most merciful king of any time.
7. A valley fair where the red men tread,  
And 'neath the redwood make their bed.

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## Old Etonian's Photograph.

AT nine o'clock next Sunday morning, at the Railway Shed. It is proposed to forward a copy of the above to the "Eton College Chronicle." All are requested to attend.

## STAMPS.

WANTED to purchase specimens of the following:

- 1/- Green Imperial, surcharged B. Protectorate and 2/-
- 3d. Mauve Cape, surcharged 6d.
- 2d. Imperial, surcharged Protectorate and 6d.
- 1d. Imperial, surcharged Protectorate and 3d.

Reply stating prices to

J.M.A.,  
"Mafeking Mail" Office.

## AUCTION NOTICE.

THE undersigned, duly instructed by Mr. J. E. JONES, will sell on SUNDAY NEXT, at 9.30 a.m., WITHOUT RESERVE, the whole of his

### HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, consisting of:

Dining Room Suite (in Walnut)  
Telescope, Dining Table, Crockery,  
Linoleum, Good Sewing Machine, &c.  
Bedroom Suite (in Satin Walnut)  
complete, Double Brass Bedstead,  
Double Toilet Set, &c. Kitchen Stove  
"Bee" No. 6, Kitchen Utensils,  
&c., &c.

ON VIEW at the Rectory from  
3 to 5 Friday Afternoon.

Anyone requiring Good Furniture should not miss this Sale.

Also a complete collection of

### SIEGE POSTAGE STAMPS.

1 Gent's Bicycle; 1 Lady's Bicycle;  
Revolver; and the usual quantity of sundries.

### Aldred & Ross,

Auctioneers and Sworn Appraisers.

## LOST.

MOORE'S Poetical Works; Bell's Elocutionist; and six copies American Messenger of the S. Heart, lent by the Sisters of Mercy to Trooper Northover, Bechuanaland Rifles, and missed from his Trench, Cemetery, Fort. The Sisters feel confident that any person who has them, and knowing them to be theirs, will return them to the Convent, at earliest convenience.

## Note Paper and Envelopes.

50 Sheets of Ancient Scottish Note Paper, lined, and Envelopes to match,

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### THE Mafeking Mail.

THURSDAY, 10th MAY, 1900.

#### MEMS.

(CONTRIBUTED).

Many people have different ways of pronouncing the name of our gallant Colonel, commanding Her Majesty's Frontier Forces, at Mafeking. With some it's Bahden-Powell; with some, Badden-Powell; and yet, with others it's Bayden-Powell. But when it comes to some of our Dutch residents (not conversant with the English language), in town, seriously calling him "Baking-Powder;" it fairly takes the cake. And yet; is the last cognomen not singularly appropriate? For if there be any kind of powder calculated to make the Boers rise; our heroic Colonel is just the man to do so.

In like manner will the Boers persist in calling Carrington, "Carry-ton;" and they are perfectly right; for when he arrives with his Canadian Artillery and other reinforcements they'll discover that he is the very man that at present bears great weight.

The investing Boers, skulking behind the mimosa, kammeel-doornu and other thorn trees, and in their treaches, fondly delude themselves into the belief that they are going to starve us into surrendering. Never; Snyman, NEVER. Our world famed B.P. (which by-the-bye stands, Mr. Snyman, for British Pluck) commanding here in Mafeking, has taken the precious good precaution to avert, such a deplorable calamity. True: we're reduced in foodstuffs, but not in spirits (animal) for we still have on hand a limited supply of mutton; a few plaques; a little bread; cheviril beef; cheviril mince-meat; cheviril colonies; in fact, cheviril kinds of dainties, and so on, and so on.

'Tis marvellous how history repeats itself. During the "boom" and when things were humming, at Barberton, some eleven years ago; bank-notes, cheques and gold coin were abundant, and flowed like water, but there was an embarrassing dearth of silver money; which, as a

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matter of, was at a premium. It was the custom, then, for purchasers at the stores, hotels, &c., to give "good fors" when they had no change; and these were accepted; readily enough. Among the inhabitants of that thriving town was a facetious humourist, named Adam; who always signed his I.O.U.'s I. Adam. He invariably sported and displayed a cheque for an insignificant amount, and his credit was good. Alack and alas! when the silver money did arrive, the hotel-keepers and others found themselves victimized by the acute Mr. I. Adam, for he had evaporated. Similarly, when the history of the Siege of Mafeking comes to be written, in its records, *inter alia*, will be found our universally-renowned B.-P. saying of the Boers around here, "I 'ad 'em," which is perfectly true.

With a flourish of trumpets, Mr. Eloff, Commandant-General and Marshal-in-Chief of the local Boer (I mean Boer) Force, you came here, in a desperate hurry, to smash things; but as y-t, your attempts have only terminated in a ghastly failure; for, like the man who fell out of the balloon, you are not in it. You "wacht-een-hietje" and meanwhile remember:

That on a bright, tight little island far in the sea  
Sits, bemoaning his fate, your old General Cronje.

So "pas op." For your information I may tell you there are several Columns advancing to our relief, who each have a surprise packet in store for you; and, methinks, when the General, marching from the South, has Met-you-ai' your gang, you'll remember the date ever afterwards. Mark me! Take a piece of sound advice, whilst there is still time, and in reality be "Heel-of."

In reference to the pronouncement [Pronouncement is not the correct form of the word to use according to the dictionaries, but that is the fault of the dictionaries] of that renowned name, Baden-Powell, to which reference is made by our esteemed contributor, the following, culled from one of the Home papers may prove of interest:

#### BADEN-POWELL AT SCHOOL.

The report, repeated this morning, that Mafeking has been relieved gives special interest to some incidents concerning the school-days of its hero, which Dr. Haig Brown, the former Headmaster of Charterhouse, has been telling a Surrey paper. "I notice that the name is invariably mispronounced," said the Doctor. "The 'a' in Baden is generally given the sound 'ah,' but it should have the usual sound of 'a,' as in 'Bathing-Towel,' which was his nickname among the boys at school. The boy was essentially father to the man! he was very active, lively, full of fun and amusement, and exceedingly popular with his schoolfellows. An extremely clever boy in every sort of way, his accomplishments were numerous. He proved particularly clever with his hands, and could draw two pictures with left and right at the same time. He was fond of athletics of all kinds, and in all he undertook, showed a fertility of resource, coupled with a keen sense of humour, which has been displayed again and again during the Siege of Mafeking."

#### THE ASHANTI RISING.

(From the "BULAWAYO CHRONICLE.")

The rising of the natives in British territory is always a matter of considerable importance, because it indicates some flaw in the system of government and because it usually costs a considerable amount of time, trouble, and expenditure before matters are put right. The reported rebellion of the natives in Ashanti is doubly annoying, because it was only last year the territories on the Gold Coast and of British Nigeria were organised under the Colonial Office as one territory, and as coming at the present time when we have a good deal on our hands, Ashanti may be called the hinterland of the Gold Coast; its capital is Kumassi

and the country has seen, comparatively within recent years, two British expeditions. England has been connected indirectly with the Gold Coast since 1618, when some of her merchants established trading stations and erected a fort. Later forts were built by the Dutch, French, Danes, and Germans, as well as the English. In 1662 an English chartered Company was established, and was succeeded by others. The Royal African Company lasted from 1672 till 1750, when it again was succeeded by the African Company of Merchants. In 1821 the settlements were taken over by the Crown and placed under the Sierra Leone Government. In 1850 England bought the Danish forts, and in 1872 the Dutch transferred all their forts to Great Britain. The 1873-4 war with the King of Ashanti arose out of this transfer, as the dusky monarch, who had always been on good terms with the Dutch, feared he would be cut off from the sea. The expedition under Lord (then Sir Garnet) Wolseley completely shattered the king's power. In 1894 King Prempeh objected to the installation of a Resident at Kumassi. Prempeh was a successful warrior, and a cause of trouble to his neighbours. Every chance was given him to retain his position, but similarly to the case of another autocrat—without result. Accordingly a military expedition had to be dispatched, and entered Kumassi on January 7th, 1896. Prempeh made submission, but failed to comply with the conditions laid down, so that it was found necessary to banish him to Sierra Leone. A Resident was installed at Kumassi. By recent agreements with France and Germany, respective spheres of influence have been delimited, and boundaries marked, with the result that Great Britain and the other Powers have acquired more territory. Trade with the Gold Coast is chiefly with Great Britain, and is important, the value of rubber exported in 1898 being worth 551,000*l.*; palm oil, 114,000*l.*; timber, 110,000*l.*; and palm kernels, 66,000*l.* The total exports were 992,000*l.*, and the imports 960,000*l.* A railway is in course of construction to Tarkwa, the centre of the gold mining districts. The Government has constructed 700 miles of telegraphs. The seat of Government is at Accra. Educational matters have been attended to, and altogether the Gold Coast territory is in many respects, despite its unhealthy climate, very much more advanced than Rhodesia. There is not sufficient information at hand to pronounce an opinion on the present rising.

## ACROSTIC.

No 9.

Here to day and past to morrow,  
Some give us joy and some give sorrow.

1. In life's sad book a new leaf must we find.  
'Tis a fresh start; Oh, may the fates be kind.
2. Hard to receive, and often hard to give,  
Yet, these to get, do some men only live.
3. To give it is more blessed than receive,  
If not well done, you'll rue it, please believe.
4. Null, void and useless, unless this he is,  
In fact, to ask him, surely is not biz.
5. 'Tis past, 'tis gone, there let it rest,  
To-day we'll try to do our best.
6. And so to the world out they go,  
If full of these, blame C.S.O.

## STAMP COLLECTING.

Our numerous friends suffering from this malady may be interested in the following complete list of "Siege" issues:—

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| Colonial, green, figure seated,   |    |
| "Halfpenny printed below,         |    |
| surcharged Mafeking               | 1d |
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| and Mafeking                      | 1d |
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| charged Bechuanaland Pro-         |    |
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(Two kinds of type were used in the Mafeking surcharge).

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| Imperial, green and brown, 4d,   |     |
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| Imperial, brown on salmon, 6d, |     |
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ADVERTISER will pay 15/- each for specimens of brown on salmon, Bechuanaland 6d stamp, surcharged 1/-. Twelve required. Deliver at "Mail" office where cash will be paid.

## THE RAFFLE

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Encyclopedia Britannica

WILL TAKE PLACE AT

Dixon's Hotel,

ON

Saturday, 12th May,

AT 8 P.M.

E. Platnauer,

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AT 9-30 A.M.,

Complete Bedroom Suite

Bedsteads, Chairs, etc.,

1 Complete Set SIEGE STAMPS,

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And a host of other Goods.

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Can exchange Grey Cape of Good Hope, surcharged 1s.; British Bechuanaland 2s., and local threepenny, Col. Baden-Powell, large head.

Apply "Mafeking Mail" Office.

## Garrison Deposit Bank.

THE Garrison Deposit Bank will NOT open on Sundays in future.

H. GREENER, Capt.,  
Chief Paymaster.

Mafeking, 10th May, 1900.

£1 Notes, Wanted,  
For Framing.

Must be good specimens. Price to "Malthy," Mail Office.

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THE  
Mafeking Mail.

FRIDAY, 11TH MAY, 1900.

### LATEST NEWS.

By the courtesy of the Colonel Commanding we are enabled to print the following:—

The following has been received from the P.M.G., Salisbury, dated May 7th:—

News by the "Formosa" shows that position in Free State is practically unchanged.

General Pole-Carew is visiting Southern Free State farms, and when the owner is found absent without satisfactory explanation, has instructions to commandeer all horses on the farm.

The Beira telegraph line has been interrupted since 5 p.m. on Sunday.

## MAFEKING GARRISON

### GENERAL ORDERS

By Colonel R. S. S. Baden-Powell,  
Commanding Frontier Force.

MAFEKING, 10TH MAY, 1900.

**Photograph.**—It is proposed to take a photograph of all Irishmen who are assisting in the Defence of Mafeking, on Sunday next at 3.30 p.m. O.C.'s Corps and Units are requested to give every facility for men to attend, provided such attendance does not interfere with General Order No. 4, of 9th inst., which lays down the proportion of the garrison to whom leave may be granted.

**Plans of Works.**—The Colonel Commanding has received from Maj. Godley, Commanding Western Defences, some plans and sections of the principal works in that command. They have been carefully compiled by, Sergeant Stebbing, Protectorate Regiment, and are remarkable for their accuracy and excellent draughtsmanship.

**Civil Employment.**—It is proposed to open a register of those desirous of civil employment after the termination of the campaign. The register will be kept at the Headquarter



Office, where all applications should be made. Applications by men in enlisted Corps should be made through their Commanding Officers. In forwarding names C.O.'s will only submit those of men of proved good character, and they should state in each case the nature of the employment desired and any previous trade or other special qualification as well as the age and nationality of the applicant.

**Tobacco Ration.**—Issue of a ration of tobacco has been authorised at the rate of half an oz. per man per diem, to be drawn weekly on separate requisitions; first issue on Saturday, the 12th inst.

**Extra Rations: Coffee and Fuel.**—With reference to General Order No. 4, of the 25th April, in which it was proposed to make a small additional issue of fuel and coffee, O.C.'s Corps and Units and Post Commanders, Town Guard, will requisition for 14 rations per man, of both, from Saturday, the 12th inst.; Fuel at the rate of 4 lbs. for 5 men per week; Coffee at the rate of 2 ozs. per man per week.

This ration is solely for the use of men in outlying trenches, on Sentry Duty, etc., in cold and inclement weather. It will be expended at the discretion of the O.C. Corps and Units or Post Commanders as the case may be. When the stock is running low O.C.'s Corps, Units or Post Commanders will forward a further requisition for 14 additional rations per man to D.A.A.G. (b). Fuel and Coffee should be requisitioned on separate forms.

MAFEKING, 11TH MAY, 1900.

**Rations—White Bread.**—All persons at present in receipt of white bread are hereby notified that such issue will close on the evening of

Friday, the 14th inst. Such persons must, therefore, produce a fresh certificate after that date, to enable them to continue same.

By order,  
E. H. CECIL, Major,  
Chief Staff Officer.

### NOT A DRINKING SONG.

(CONTRIBUTED).

No more on cold and bitter nights

We quaff our Old Dap ration

Like every other luxury

It's gone quite out of fashion.

Gone is the dear old whisky split,

And the soft, thirst-slaking shandy

We miss our dram of beer or stout,

But most, we miss our brandy.

In making headway through this  
siege,

We had a roughish passage.

And stomachs are now handicapped

Digesting "gee-gee sassage."

Our belts are pulled in many a hole,

Let's hope they'll soon be tighter,

And if our horses now look poor,

Why, we can ride the lighter.

We've manufactured many things—

Evolved some strange inventions,  
We've spoilt, not once, but many  
times

The enemy's intentions.

We've played the game—a waiting  
one

With woman-murdr'ing Snyman

And soon we hope to cap it all,

And hang him, high as Haman.

## STAMPS.

### Wanted to Purchase

Bechuanaland Yellow, 3d., sur-  
charged.

Red-violet, C. of Good Hope, 6d.,  
surcharged

British Bechuanaland, 6d., sur-  
charged 1s.

Good Prices will be given.

Or can exchange Grey Cape of Good  
Hope, surcharged 1s.; British  
Bechuanaland 2s.; and local three-  
penny, Col. Baden-Powell, large  
head.

### FOR SALE

One pair Dunlop-Welch Tyres,  
nearly new. Offers to: Agee,  
"Mail" office.



## ACROSTIC.

No. 10.

The mole, tho' retiring is cunning  
and wise.  
The madman's his tool, if double his  
size;  
By tortuous ways, one works out his  
will  
The other, with success is a conjurer  
still.

- Three well-known men; one came  
this way,  
He liked the land and thought  
he'd stay.
- Fair lady, your token once winged  
its flight  
O'er dreary waste, where a'l was  
night.
- In Africa here, 'tis dreaded by all.  
The rich and the poor must all  
heed its call.
- Soft and silky—have a care;  
Green as emeralds, false and fair.  
In Germany "Herr," in Paris  
"Mossoo,"  
The far-away Turks have their  
dignities too.
- A fruit or a root; we'll steal, or  
we'll borrow;  
It rhymes with my first; may you  
have one to-morrow.
- 'Tis said in a moment; a group of  
long years,  
Of brilliance and shadow, of joy  
and of tears.
- In this hour of danger, regrettably  
rife,  
Should meet its deserts when  
ended 's the strife.

## Mafeking Defence Account.

### NOTICE TO MERCHANTS & OTHERS.

**A**TENTION is called to General  
Order No. 3 of 14th April last,  
which reads as follows:—

*Local Defence Accounts.*—No  
charges against the Imperial Local  
Defence Account will be recognised  
unless supported by the signatures  
of heads of departments or persons  
duly authorised by them as follows:

Chief Staff Officer—Lord Edward  
Cecil.

D.A.A.G. (b)—Captain Ryan.

C.R.A.—Major Panzera.

Base Commandant and Command-  
ing Engineer—Lieut. Colonel  
Vyvyan.

Town Commandant—H. H. Major  
Gould-Adams, C.B., C.M.G.

P.M.O.—Dr. W. Hayes.

Brigade Transport Officer—Lieut.  
Mackenzie.

Women's Laager—F. W. Whiteley,  
Esq.

Separate accounts must be ren-  
dered for each of the above depart-  
ments.

## Under the Patronage of

COLONEL R. S. S. BADEN-POWELL  
AND OFFICERS OF THE GARRISON,

## A SPORTS MEETING OPEN TO ALL NATIVES,

WILL BE HELD ON

**SUNDAY, MAY 13TH, 1900.**

AT THE

RECREATION GROUND,

At 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

JUDGES: C. G. H. Bell, Esq.; Lieut.  
Col. C. O. Hore; Lieut.-Col. J.  
A. H. Walford.

REFEREE: Captain B. W. Cowan.

STARTERS: J. A. P. Feltham, Esq.;  
H. M. B. Currie, Esq.; A. Mac-  
kenzie, Esq.

Miss Cowan has kindly consented  
to distribute the prizes.

### PROGRAMME:

- 300 Yards Race. Prizes 15s.,  
10s., 5s., 2s. 6d.
- Long Jump. Prizes 10s., 5s., 3s.,  
2s.
- Schilpad Trek (teams of four).  
Prizes £1, 10s.
- First Heats, Tug of War.
- Three-legged Race. Prizes 15s.,  
7s. 6d.
- Bicycle Race. Prizes £1, 10s.,  
5s.
- Wrestling. Prizes £1, 10s., 5s.
- Best Dressed Girl. 1st prize £1,  
further prizes according to en-  
tries.
- Final for Tug of War. Prizes  
£1 10s., 15s.
- Lloyd Lindsay at Bottles (Teams  
of four). Prizes £1, 10s.
- Throwing the Assegai and Kerry  
(Assegai for distance, Kerry at a  
mark). Prizes £1 and 10s.; £1  
and 10s.
- Greasy Pole. Prizes 4 lbs.  
Sausage and 10s., 5s.

By kind permission of the Officer  
Commanding, the Band of the Colo-  
nial Contingent will play during the  
afternoon.

## Dixon's Hotel.

**W**E regret that owing to the  
condition of Rationing we  
are now reduced to, it will be abso-  
lutely impossible any longer to cater  
for guests on Sundays.

### Stamps Wanted.

Imperial, brown on salmon, or brick-  
dust red, surcharged British Bech-  
uanaland and Mafeking. 1/-.

3d. Blue, local, head to right.

State price, or will exchange any  
other.—F.Y.

## AUCTION NOTICE.

**T**HE undersigned, duly instructed  
by Mr. J. E. Jones, will sell  
on **SUNDAY NEXT**, at 9.30 a.m.,  
WITHOUT RESERVE, the whole  
of his

## HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

consisting of:

Dining Room Suite (in Walnut),  
Telescope, Dining Table, Crockery,  
Linoleum, Good Sewing Machine, &c.  
Bedroom Suite (in Satin Walnut)  
complete, Double Brass Bedstead,  
Double Toilet Set, &c. Kitchen  
Stove "Bee" No. 6, Kitchen  
Utensils, &c., &c.

*ON VIEW at the Rectory from  
3 to 5 Friday Afternoon.*

Anyone requiring Good Furniture  
should not miss this Sale.

Also a complete collection of

### SIEGE POSTAGE STAMPS.

1 Gent's Bicycle; 1 Lady's Bicycle;  
Revolver; and the usual quantity of  
sundries.

### Aldred & Ross,

Auctioneers and Sworn Appraisers.

## Note Paper & Envelopes

**50** Sheets of Ancient Scot-  
tish Note Paper, lined,  
and Envelopes to match,  
**In Box, 3s.**

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Note Paper, lined, and  
Envelopes to match,  
**In Box, 3s.**

**18** Sheets Cream Laid Note-  
Paper, with Envelopes,  
Blotting and Pen-holder,  
**In Box, 2s.**

AT THE "MAIL" OFFICE.

## E. Platnauer,

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**Sunday next, May 13th,**  
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214th Day of Siege

### THE Mafeking Mail.

MONDAY, 14TH MAY, 1900.

#### WE END THE SEVENTH MONTH.

To-day we start on the eighth month of the siege. The time, now we look back upon it through the glasses everyone wears to-day, does not seem to have passed so badly, although the awful monotony was sometimes irksome in the extreme. Not only was it wearisome so from the tedious wait, wait, waiting for relief, but often irritatingly monotonous from the continual grumbling and "grousing at the slow progress of that column which seemed to get further away as the record of weeks grew into months, but now, we think, the most confirmed fault-finder will keep silence for a space. Those who were uncomplainingly watching and working, probably suffered just as acutely as those whose feelings took words, but at last scheming and patience have their reward, and, its abundance may be triumphantly pointed to. At one time it seemed that the end of the siege would come without any of the various possible traps securing game, but when news reached us of the intention of one our friends the enemy, to show "how it should be done," it was plain that in some form or other there would be sport.

No one will deny the consummate bravery of Mr. Sarel Eloff, the officer who undertook a task it would be impossible to find another official amongst the Transvaal

Dutch to tackle. Whatever we have said of him, and probably may have again to say; when his position is not one that demands considerateness, we never suggested any lack of courage, the possession of which he has signally demonstrated, by doing what detestable Snyman would never dare attempt. Eloff, with his staff, brought his men in, took possession of a fort inside our line of defences and gave us a warm time.

"Dinna pit y'r hond oot further than ye can easily draw it back again," said the Baillie. That Eloff, only when in, found getting there easier than getting out, was due to a fault, which nothing, but added years to his age, will cure: but had he regularly read his "Mafeking Mail" he would never have brought himself to think that the rank and file of the Boers would have supported him in an enterprise of the kind. We, in Mafeking, knew our Boer better than he. But let us get to the

#### Events of the Day.

On Saturday morning the Boer Maxim and Mausering, in volleys as heavy as, or heavier than, any we have yet heard, woke up the town at four o'clock. The firing was confined to the East, but knowing the Boers aversion to advancing over flat country in face of fire, and the strength of our eastern front, no advance was expected from that side. Attention was accordingly directed to the other points of the compass. The huge cheerily sounded the alarm, and the big bell dolefully followed its example. The transformation in the appearance of the town was magical.

Mounted men galloped, unmounted ones ran, and before the warning sounds were stopped every man in the place was on his way to his respective post. The Town Guard, fruitful object of "Tommies'" banter, were all, except two, reported present (We refer to those, who by permission, sleep at their homes), by 15 minutes after the alarm sounded. By aid of our telephone system Headquarters were soon aware of proceedings on the South-west.

A large body of Boers had crept along the river till nearly up to Fort Molopo. The picquet, some distance from the river, fired into the crowd, as they came up the banks, a little nearer to the fort than where they were placed. This alarmed the garrison. The enemy, then leaving the river, crossed the mealie field and passed through Hidden Hollow, our force there, about a dozen only, falling back, and reinforced by Lord C. Bentinck with part of his squadron, closed up to prevent the enemy's supports following up. This reserve party of the Boers we estimate at four hundred and fifty. The vanguard, about three hundred then rushed towards the Baralong Stadt, and a portion of them, through some special form of lunacy, began setting fire to more than forty huts.

This, we understand, was an agreed signal for other parties from East, North and South also to advance, but there were no French, Germans or Hollanders amongst the Boers upon those sides and no Eloff, De Bremond, or Weiss to lead them, consequently there was no advance.

Now, whether it was supposed that setting fire to a native's hut, would be a likely way to induce him to keep quiet and refrain from resisting the advance of the incendiaries, we cannot tell, but the effect was precisely the reverse, while the illumination was useful to distinguish friend from foe.

#### **The Baralongs rose to the Occasion.**

Although thus suddenly awakened, and thrown into the streets, to watch their homes burn, and witness the Boers shooting down unarmed boys who were trying to run away, Le Koko and Silas Molema did not lose their heads, but, rapidly gathering their men, commenced firing and assisted Lord Bentinck's men to cut off the stream of invaders. This was effected just as the leader of the vanguard, having finished superintending the setting fire to huts and killing five Baralongs, strangely jumped at a most erroneous conclusion, for, turning to his followers, he shouted, in Dutch, of course, "Hurrah! To-day we have taken Mafeking."

Unfortunately for his enjoyment of this harmless illusion, a voice from further up the Stadt cried out almost at the same moment: "Run, run, here are some 'Rooineks' shooting at us." The cracking of their own rifles, the spluttering of burning thatch, and the hoarse cries of "Come out, you b—s," as they dragged forth, and flung about, like bales, the aged and helpless native women and children, had prevented the "Brave Boers" noticing the music of a set of musketry which had begun to play upon them from Lord Bentinck's men reinforced by a detachment of "C" men who came, at the double, from Col. Hore's fort.

#### **"Bolt" the First.**

Now, a Boer is happy enough when, from behind a big stone, he can shoot, with an Englishman for a target, but he gets disagreeable and wants to leave off playing, as

soon as the chances of the game makes it his turn to be target. Consequently, when, on Saturday morning, they realised that they were being shot at, the recollection "of an important appointment a mile or two away," enabled them again to demonstrate the extreme "mobility of the Boer." In vain did the "Hurrah" leader cry out: "Come back, come back, 'Almach-tig,' we are surrounded." Like startled buck half of his forces disappeared, and the bullets from Baralongs screamed past on one side while bullets from the Protectorate men whistled on the other. His "soldiers" were already running away, seeking shelter, some to the right hand, some to the left, so after them he bolted, with a celerity scarcely to have been expected from sixteen or seventeen stone. The half of the stadt-burners were thus subdivided into two parties one of which tried to make a stand behind the large boulders, from which Mafeking took its name. But natives are as well up to that kind of warfare as are the Boers, so Le Koko & Molema's boys promptly followed and drove them, from what would have proved an easy place to hold, to a koppie where Silas Molema rounded them up and kept them there till the afternoon; unable to show a nose above the stones, for fear of losing its tip. The remainder of the Boers succeeded in gaining the stone cattle kraal where they were well looked after by some more Protectorate men.

#### **Eloff takes the Fort.**

While the stadt-firers were being interrupted at their work another party, probably about a hundred and fifty made up principally of a different class of fighters, consisting of Germans, French, Hollanders, Italians and others had skirted the stadt, and, led by Sarel Eloff, De Freymont (French), and Weiss (German), passed along the road by Mr. Minchin's house just after the "C" detachment entered the stadt. Believing they were

supported by the large reserve already referred to, they gained Col. Hore's Fort, or, as we know it better, the B.S.A.P. Fort, and were promptly cut off by Cpt. Fitzclarence and "D" Sqdn. The garrison there consisting of but Col. Hore, Capt. Singleton, Cpt. Williams (on the sick list), Vet. Lieut. Dunlop-Smith, Reg. Sergt.-Major Malley, Sergt.-Major Murray, and fourteen men, those of the "C" detachment, as already mentioned, having been sent to reinforce Lord Bentinck in the stadt.

Captain Singleton, who had been to reconnoitre, reported that the Boers were advancing from the top of the stadt, and the garrison prepared to defend itself. Almost immediately figures could be seen approaching, but in the dim half light it was impossible to decide whether they were Boers or "C" squadron retiring on their fort. This latter appeared most probable, so orders were given not to fire. Sufficient time thus elapsed to enable a great number of the attackers to get close to the fort, which they promptly stormed in a manner worthy of praise. Of course, their numbers enabled them to get in, but not before Field-cornet Eckstein was killed and four others wounded. Colonel Hore and Captain Singleton were speedily disarmed, as were already the remainder of the garrison, about fifteen men, except Tpr. Mattushek, who, with another leaped the wall and was shot through the head, falling stone dead outside the wall of the fort.

It may be wondered that it were possible for the enemy to approach in such numbers, without meeting some check from the fort, but we must remember that the "C" detachment had only been sent away a short while before, and doubtless if approaching foot tramps were heard, they were taken for those of our own men returning. At any rate, account for it as we may, the fact remained, the enemy was in possession of our fort, he-



fore halt of its garrison had fired a shot. So expeditiously was the whole affair carried out that men outside knew nothing of it. Some of our men joined in vigorous cheering when they heard the "hurrahing" in the stadt, thinking it was our relief column arrived. Mr. Forbes, of Julius Weil's, running into the fort was considerably surprised to find it crowded with unfamiliar figures who gave him cheerful welcome. Sergeant Stuart, C.P., who was at the Court House, seeing flames and being told the Boers were in the stadt, thought he would give a hand at getting them out. So donning bandolier and shouldering rifle, accompanied by young Van Eysen, he made what haste he could till he reached the intervening ground between the jail and the B.S.A.P. orderly room. As the pair approached it, bullets whizzed unpleasantly near, so they started, at the double, for the dug-out by the Barracks. Still the bullets whistled past; Van Eysen kept on but Stewart, probably remembering it would not be consonant with the dignity of his office to arrive out of breath, slackened up a little. Van Eysen, reaching the haven first, had an eye-opener in the form of an abrupt "drop your gun." Seeing the place full of Boers, he—dropped it.

To exemplify the quality of the enemy's shooting aim, it is amusing to learn that on speaking to some of the men, he found there had been four or five potting at him and excitedly vying with each other in the endeavour to knock him over; and were considerably astonished when they found he had not a scratch. With the quarry running towards the shots, and the distance a gradually decreasing one from four hundred yards, this is grand testimony either to the value of the Mauser, or the skill of the holders.

Sergeant Stuart meanwhile having seen the strange faces and the reception of his companion, turned to run,

when several Mansers were levelled at him. The distance was nothing, his death looked certain, so Van Eysen shouted out "Come back, Peter, we're done," and "Come back, Peter," was jocularly repeated by the holders of half a-dozen rifles "spotting" him. "Peter" didn't think he would serve his country by immolation, so he also was raked in. Mr. Hamilton, the *London Times* Special Correspondent, always to the front when any fighting is going on, rode up, camera in hand, on sensational "copy" and photos bent. His horse was shot twice, just before he gained the fort. "Throw up your hands" was the gruff command emphasised with a pointed rifle. He held up one hand. "Both hands" was the next command. How can I when I am holding my horse with one? What is that? pointing to the camera. Is it an infernal machine? "No! it's a Maxim." The colloquy may be better imagined than described when the rapid temper and the peculiarity of speech (when under excitement) of the plucky young correspondent is borne in mind. He joined the other captives, but equal to the occasion, secured some photos of the fort and the Boers in it. Poor Hazelrigg rode up with a note, he was shot in the stomach. Mr. Dunlop Smith, with the assistance of Mr. Forbes, conveyed him under a heavy fire from our own men, who had already commenced a smart fusillade on the fort, from the east and south sides, the bullets cracking through the windows the whole time he was dressing him.

Some Protectorate men under Lientenant Bridges went to the magazine to bring away ammunition. It was a hazardous undertaking. The Boers were not 400 yards distant, and Trooper Dubberley was shot dead while doing it.

"Wat maak jy daar?"

Let us now get back into town. In the telephone dug-out, telegraphist Campbell, from "Erin" bedad, was

oscillating amongst fifteen instruments. "It is Colonel Hore?" "Yes." "Fort in hands of the enemy." "Quite right, Sur." "Colonel Hore again?" "Yes." "That's a strange voice entirely. Who are yez, any how?" "Me." "An' who the devil's me?" "Yec's one of the Boers ye say, then 'wat maak jy daar?'" "Disconuect," ordered the Colonel, and to effectually prevent the Boers hearing through the instrument at the "B.S.A.P." any instructions passing over the wires to Major Godley or any other post, the lines were promptly "snipped." Then a busy time set in, orderlies galloping round to the various forts with instructions for drafts from each, to strengthen the new front line and the men "doubling" by scores to do it. In an incredibly short space of time the Cape Police from the east got over to the west and with "Protectorates," B.S.A.P., Rifles and Town Guard, oh, yes, the Town Guard were in the fighting line that day and showed that they could shoot too, a line was manned from the north end of the Railway Camp where Capt. More, with the Railway Division, reinforced by detachments from the Hospital Redan, under Mr. Tighe, and some C.P. under Corporal Warren, lined right down to the end of the iron fence the other side of the new workshops. Some Town Guard, under Mr. Aldred, occupied Major Hepworth's House, the Bechuanaland Rifles lining the bank right down to the river, and with Town Guard from Early's Corner, occupying the Schut Kraal. Inspector Marsh, C.P. D. II, with his men covered from the Railway Bridge to Mr. Minchin's house. Sub-Inspector Murray, with C.P. D. II, reached, by a circuitous route, the north face of the stadt, which he held, reinforced by Lieut. Feltham and some of "C" squadron. When the Cape Police, D. II, under Murray, reached the northern front of the stadt, directing their attention to the

B.S.A.P. Fort, they were fired at from the huts by some of the stadt-burning Boers, who had hidden themselves therein. The distance being but a few yards, it is a wonder that everyone of the men was not killed. As it is, Nixon was badly wounded in the thigh. The C P. quickly turned the Boers out from the huts and drove them down the stadt where Maj. Godley surrounded them, with draits from A. B. and D. squadrons, who also took possession of the ground further along, thus completing a horse shoe shaped enclosure round the B.S.A.P. fort, within which Eloff's party was imprisoned, they, again, holding Colonel Hore and about two dozen of our men prisoners. By when breakfast time came we were "getting on very nicely all round" and the position might be regarded as an exceedingly interesting one. Not being in the least bit military we may not be able properly to understand the niceties of the situation, but to the irreverent civilian mind, there comes a faint suspicion of an inclination to laugh, although we know there could be nothing comical about it.

About 1 o'clock Maj. Godley, with men of B squadron, under Captain Marsh, and of D squadron, under Capt. Fitz-Clarence, and some Baralongs attacked the kraal. A seven pounder, under Lieut. Daniel, was taken to a position close up, and the Boers were offered a chance to surrender. This they refused to avail themselves of and the gun was trained on them. Unfortunately the lanyard broke or we should not have had so many prisoners to find "Sow-eas" for, and a smart interchange of firing took place without casualty to us but one killed and three wounded in the kraal. In the meantime Major Godley's men had entirely surrounded the place, and, with bayonets fixed, advanced gradually from cover to cover, closing in till they reached the stone walls, which they simultaneously scaled. The sight of that compact

circle of shining blades, and the realisation that they faced the terrible British bayonets, of which, previously, they had only heard, but heard enough, utterly cowed the occupants of the kraal; and paralysed their fire. They huddled together like sheep, crouching down in a shrinking, shivering heap. Some burst into tears, probably at the death of the man we shot, there was hurried whispering; with quick, loud, "yahs," and scarcely was the order "charge" uttered than, in their midst, a shaking hand hoisted a white flag, and they surrendered. This lot were all, or nearly all, the lower class of Boers, and with their rifles they had made a game stand, but scarcely half a minute was required to settle matters, when it came to close quarters. Then came another danger to them. Over the walls from every side came the Baralongs. Their mortal enemy, the Boer, was there, beaten, and they wanted to kill. These Baralongs are Barutshes and must not be confounded with the other tribes of Baralongs, such as those fighting with the Boers against us. They are Bamangwetses, hating, and hated by, Montsioa's tribe, who have old scores standing against the Boers. They wanted this day to wipe off their debt of burned homes, stolen cattle, tortured and mutilated relatives, and, like magic, in their hands appeared, no one knows whence, assegais, hatchets, knives, old swords, weapons of every kind imaginable, and unimaginable. With a bound and a yell they were over the walls, they had "red in their eyes" and meant to kill. Like a flash, almost was their butchery commenced, when Captain F. C. Marsh, at fearful personal risk, jumped in amongst them and interposed himself between the cowering Boers and their would-be murderers. Had he not done so none would have been spared alive. Some managed to escape, the wounded were sent to the Hospital for attention, and twenty-five were marched into town and safely lodged in gaol. As they,

#### **The First Party of Prisoners brought in to Mafeking.**

came past Head-quarters, Col. Baden-Powell promptly stopped any demonstration from the bystanders, and with no remarks, except some kafirs' jeers, they tramped round past Riesle's to the front of the jail where they were halted and had pannikins of water handed to them, of which they seemed to be in great need. A peculiar characteristic of "Tommy" and his late foe were here amusingly displayed. As one of the escort, a Protectorate man, helped himself to a drink, he preceded his draught with a cheerful "Here's luck to you, mates" to the section he was in line with, while another guard was surreptitiously enjoying a piece of white bread, unobtrusively passed to him by one of the prisoners.

We must return now to Commandant Eloff and his merry men to see how they fared and why they did not come nearer. Having secured the fort and arranged about leaving men to hold it and guard the prisoners, Eloff mustered his continental allies, preparatory to rushing the town; only waiting for the reinforcing party, which we already mentioned, he had left outside. He had sent two messengers to tell them to come on, but they did not; nor did the orderlies return. This is probably accounted for by the fact that our Maxim riddled both horses and wounded the men; one is since dead and the other is likely to be a long while delivering his message.

#### **"Bolt" the Second.**

Time was passing and Mr. Sarel Eloff stood ready to come into the Market Square. Count De Bremont, with drawn sword, was anxious to proceed with business. "We must wait for the supports," said the Commandant. They had to wait, for by then the supports, seeing the retreat of the greater portion of the stadt-burners, were galloping off as hard as they could, at the same time encouragingly yelling to those who could not



follow their example "Fight! Fight! but never surrender."

#### **The Fort takes Bloff.**

Then, it is probable, Mr. Eloff for the first time realised, as Joubert did years ago, the value of the cheering and cries of "we will," "we will" from a crowd of Boers, such as the one he asked to follow him and take Mafeking. We know, and he ought first to have known, what sort of men the brave band surrounding him had to lead.

Scarcely had time enough elapsed for any fresh action to be decided upon when Captain Gordon Wilson, A.D.C., rode up to tell them they were completely surrounded; and offered them the chance to surrender. In the first flush, this was stoutly refused, and our fire opened and continued through the day. Some who were in the fort say it was a "hell"; another, a European, said in broken English: "I have fought in more than one fight but never been in a place like that fort was. One could not put a finger above the wall or it would be cut off by bullets." Men could not get outside for requirements of any kind. They had no water, those in the buildings were forced to lie on the floor to avoid the bullets coming through the windows, and walls, and there they were penned, from daylight till dusk.

#### **Clearing the "Koppie."**

Having despatched into town the prisoners from the kraal, Major Godley next turned his attention to the Boers at the koppie. Lieut. Daniel took the antiquated 7-pounder there, and turned it on them. After half-a-dozen rounds Major Godley's men had a rabbit hunt through the rocks, and scattered the Boers into and amongst the huts in the Stadt, in and round the narrow twinings, a perfect maze, starting a Boer here, another there, chasing them down the Stadt till they got under fire of A Squadron, who, with Lord Charles Bentinck in command, were

waiting outside the Stadt for them. But by this time it began to grow dark. "B" Squadron, Captain Marsh's men, and "D" Squadron, Fitzclarence's men, were on the rear and right and left flanks of the scampering Boers, knocking them over whenever they could be discerned, and "A" Squadron were in the front of them. There was a great chance of our men hitting each other, so Major Godley sent word to Lord Chas. Bentinck to draw his men to one side while "B" and "D" drove them down, which was done, many of them being wounded and killed in the hunt. We suffered but slightly. A small detachment under Lieut. R. W. Waller was by the river waiting for the Boers, when down rushed a crowd of them. The order to let them pass not having reached this brave little band, they held them at bay, though there must have been ten to one, till the order did arrive. Poor Sergeant Phillips, who had been wounded at Game Tree, and only a few days resumed duty, was killed; and all the others had clothes or rifles hit.

#### **Boer Treachery.**

Cpl. R. Rowland, Bechuana-land Rifles—a son of Mr. Rowland, whose homestead was used as the Women's Lager—with a few men, also contested the exit of the Boers, who tried to creep along a gully or "sluit" near where he was placed. Young Rowland was wounded, but slightly I am glad to say. One of his "boys" was severely wounded in a manner characteristic of our enemy. "There is another," someone said as a figure was seen creeping up the side of a cutting. "Don't fire, I want to surrender," the sneaking cur called out. "Take his gun," said young Rowland.

The "boy" went to do so, the Boer holding it out as if intending to hand it over. When within six feet of him the dastard fired through the "boy's" chest, and bolted, happily not quite free, for at

least one bullet caught him, and he ran into the darkness with a limp.

Now let us glance at the B.S.A.P. Fort, where our big haul was waiting to be landed. We told you that they got there and who led them, but we did not say who shewed them the way. It was said that rebel Baralongs did it. There might have been some Baralongs of the tribe above mentioned, with the Boers, as they seldom moved without, but we met with no authoritative evidence upon the point. If they did bring any, they must have been left outside the Stadt the first thing in the morning, and they certainly did not belong to Montsioa's tribe.

#### **These Baralongs did Good Work for us.**

Major Godley speaks very highly of the manner they assisted him and the gallantry with which they fought. Le Koko and his men engaged the enemy and helped drive them back, inflicting loss to the retiring Boers, and Silas Molema himself joined in charging the cattle kraal. The suggestion that any of their tribesmen aided the entry of the enemy, hurts them considerably, and in connection with this and to prove that the assertion is unfounded, we might mention that Colonel Baden-Powell has to-day complimented them upon their loyalty and bravery. The guide was undoubtedly the traitor Hay, the deserter from the Prot. Regt., who, to gratify his personal and antagonistic feelings against an officer, tried to betray the whole garrison and his own countrymen. That this Judas may receive his thirty pieces of silver and an end like that of his prototype, we most sincerely hope.

The condition of the cosmopolitan crowd in the B.S.A.P. fort and buildings towards evening may be imagined easier than described. Packed as closely as they could cram in, unable to leave shelter for twelve hours, no water available, all the drink they



could find had been eagerly gulped down early in the day. The officers' wines and spirits and a case of chartreuse had been disposed of during the first hour, together with all the edibles there. A stinking mass of foul humanity, they longed for night to come so that they might endeavour to bolt through the place towards the north, which appeared free from rifles. During the day some, who had obtained all they came for, *i.e.*, loot, did climb the wall and manage to get away, and as soon as darkness spread over the veld, the remainder, in gangs, made a rush. No sooner had they done so, than the awful fusillade, which had ceased as daylight faded, re-opened, with increased force, as it included the Martinis, which were not fired during the day for fear the smoke from them should betray their exact position. Those who saw it, from the Fort, declare it was a complete line of flashes, and some thought there were about two thousand guns firing. So many of those who got out were knocked over that Eloff saw the game was up, and, feeling the uselessness of throwing lives away, decided to surrender. There had previously been discussions between him and some of his men who wanted to surrender, (there were some Boers as well as the Continentals got into the fort, it must be remembered). He meant trying his utmost for those who were with him, though, no doubt, his ideas concerning the bulk of his army and the manner they "supported" him were expressed in phraseology scarcely fit for publication, but there was nothing else to be done, so going to Colonel Hore, he bluntly said: "I want to surrender to you." One of his men calling him a b——y traitor, fired at him, the bullet hitting the arm and chest of Reg. Sergt.-Major Malley. It is possible that Colonel Hore did not quite grasp the meaning of Eloff's words, for it is said he gasped "Wha, what?" and perhaps anyone else would have done the same.

At any rate, the situation soon unfolded itself, and a busy time ensued in receiving arms and ammunition.

The telephone having been disconnected, it was difficult to communicate the intelligence with the town. The firing was fearful, bullets were raining in upon three sides and both flanks on the fourth side. Captain Singleton, in a voice of thunder, shouted "Cease firing, they have surrendered," but at first nobody heard or heeded. It was too unsafe to venture outside, friend or foe were undistinguishable in the black darkness, anything silhouetted against the night was the object of a hundred shots, and the hottest part of the bullet spray was on the side which they wanted to reach, *i.e.*, the town side. Sub-Inspector Murray recognised the voice and advanced, not without a lurking suspicion of treachery and the thought that either the Captain's voice was being imitated or that he was made to say "They have surrendered" by some Boer trick. As soon as it was clearly demonstrated, united shouting conveyed the news, and as it spread from fort to fort the cheering and God-Save-the-Queenings that came from out half-starved throats will be ever remembered by all who heard it, and when sixty-nine more prisoners, including Eloff, De Freymont and Weiss, were locked up for the night folks settled down to wonder what particular virtue Mafeking possessed to induce Providence to make it its special care.

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### THE Mafeking Mail.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH MAY, 1900.

By the courtesy of the Colonel Commanding we are enabled to print the following:—

#### LATEST NEWS.

##### ACTION OF 12TH MAY.

A night-attack on the part of the enemy was not unlooked for, as every other kind of attack, except this, had been tried and failed.

The enemy selected the best line of approach available, that is via the Molopo Valley from W. and came on in strong force an hour before daybreak, making a feint with heavy rifle fire on the whole of the eastern front. The attack was guided by two of our deserters and some rebels.

Our piquets gave the alarm and stood aside to a flank as the advance party of some three hundred charged in a mass on the Stadt. The piquets fired into them from the flank and then closed across their path to prevent any support following them up, and Lord C. Bentinck, with part of his squadron, Protectorate Regiment, reinforced them. As soon as they were in the Stadt the enemy began burning huts as a signal to their supports to come on. The Baralongs took the same line as our piquets had done, and closed in on the rear of the enemy's advanced force. This force then became broken up into three parties, one of which, 150 strong, rushed on to the B.S.A.P. Barracks, in which were the Staff of the Protectorate Regiment, (three officers and 15 men). These, mistaking the Boers for their own men retiring on the fort, did not open fire upon them and were immediately surrounded in the open and disarmed.

The W. face of the Town was promptly manned by Town Guard, Bechuanaland Rifles and Railway Division, and the town was reinforced with wonderful promptness by the Cape Police D 11, D. squadron, Protectorate Regiment, which first cut off the Boers in the BSAP Fort, a party of BSAP, etc.

The enemy now found themselves

stopped from further advance and at the same time

##### CUT OFF FROM THEIR SUPPORTS.

Various feints were made by the Boers from outside on different sides of the place with the intention of assisting them, but they found all the outlying forts manned as usual and ready for them.

The Cape Police, under Inspector Murray, and Lieut. Feltham's Troop, "C." Squadron, Prot. Regiment, now moved in between the BSAP Barracks and the Stadt and thus formed a barrier to prevent the parties of the enemy in the place from uniting.

Major Godley took charge of matters in the Stadt, and with "B" Squadron, and "D" Squadron, Prot. Regiment, under Captains Marsh and Fitz-Clarence and a 7-pounder, under Lieut. Daniel, assisted by some of the Baralongs, proceeded to locate and round up the Boers. One party of these took up a defensive position in a strong stone cattle-kraal, the other got into a strong rock kopje. They offered a strong resistance and the work took a long time to accomplish successfully. The kraal was first surrounded and the gun brought close up. The Boers were offered the chance of surrendering, but they declined. Our men then opened fire and in a short time, after losing one killed and three wounded, the

##### ENEMY PUT UP THE WHITE FLAG.

Twenty-five were taken prisoners. Major Godley then moved his men into position for attacking the kopje. The guns fired half a dozen rounds into it and the men working through the rocks scattered the enemy in among the huts of the Stadt, but as darkness now came on the difficulties were much increased. The enemy tried to retreat out of the Stadt and came upon "A" Squadron, under Lord C. Bentinck, who were waiting for them, and they thus came between our two fires. As there was now great danger of our men firing into each other, and as we had already as many prisoners and enemy still in the place as we could deal with, the order was given to Lord C. Bentinck to draw his Squadron to one side and let this hatch get out under the pressure of Major Godley's two squadrons—and this manoeuvre was successfully carried out—the enemy, under a hot fire the whole time, losing many

killed, wounded and prisoners in the river bed.

In the meantime our men practically surrounded the BSAP barracks and by excellent marksmanship killed and wounded several during the day. Twice we offered them the chance of surrendering, but they declined it. It was found that Commandant Eloff himself was in this party. He sent off two despatch riders early in the day, but both of them were killed before getting away.

The wounded Boers were taken charge of and cured for by Miss Craufurd, the Matron of the Women and Children's Hospital, close to the fort. This lady and her sister, Mrs. Buehan, displayed the greatest heroism and devotion in remaining at their post in spite of the heavy fire around them, and in going out under fire to carry on their work of mercy. The wounded Boers were removed to our own Hospital, where they received every attention.

After nightfall a number of the Boers in the Fort endeavoured to escape, but the fusillade that met them on every side showed them that escape was impossible, and the remainder then surrendered, to the number of sixty-six, including a number of French, Germans, Italians etc., as well as Boers.

Among the prisoners were Commandant Eloff, (grandson of President Kruger), Captain Von Weiss Captain de Bremont, Mr. Anderson and Mr. Jacobs. Among the dead were Field-cornet Eckstein Capt. Gasunier (French), two Lotterings, etc.

Boer losses: Killed 10, wounded 19.

In addition to these the enemy took away a number of their dead during the night and their ambulance was out the following day picking them up in the Molopo River bed—so that they must have lost altogether about 50 killed and wounded.

Tuesday, 15th,—Runners arrived during the night with despatches to say that Relief Columns from North and South are both near at hand.

The Boers advanced party from Maritzani, arrived at the old S.W. Laager last night, and this morning the Boers are still in their



camps, but many of their waggons appear to have gone.

The Colonel Commanding hopes soon to be in a position to congratulate the Town and Garrison on the termination of the hardships and anxieties which they have borne with much exemplary courage and fortitude for the past seven months.

Copy of telegram from Lex to Bell, Civil Commissioner, Mafeking, 7th April, 1900:

"Telegrams of 1st & 10th received. Government desire to express their appreciation of gallant defence made by garrison at Mafeking. Sympathy for those who have been wounded, and earnest prayer that Mafeking may soon be relieved."

## MAFEKING GARRISON

### GENERAL ORDERS

By Colonel R. S. S. Baden-Powell,  
Commanding Frontier Force.

MAFEKING, 13TH MAY, 1900.

The whole garrison is to be congratulated on the brilliant success gained over the enemy yesterday.

The Boers have tried—and failed in—every other form of attack, essaying this one by night.

Credit must be given them and their leader, Commandant Eloff, for having made a very bold stroke to gain the place. By a rush they got through our pickets into the Stadt, but our Western posts then closed in on their rear and cut them off from their supports, while the Towu Guard, Bechuanaland Rifles and Railway Division promptly manned the Western face of the town itself and checked their advance beyond the BSAP Fort.

The Cape Police, supported by "C" Squadron, Protectorate Regiment, and a detachment of BSAP, rounded up Eloff and his party in the BSAP Fort, while Major Godley, taking "A," "B," and "D" Squadrons, Protectorate Regiment, and one gun, drove the enemy into two corners in the Stadt and obtained the surrender of one and drove the other out of the place with loss. And after nightfall Commandant Eloff and his party surrendered also.

We have thus caused the enemy a loss of about 50 killed and wounded and 108 prisoners. Several killed and wounded were carried off by their friends during the night from the front of our forts. Among the prisoners were Commandant Eloff and four officers. Field-cornet Eckstein, two renegades, and a French officer, were among the killed.

Our losses were fortunately very light, and while deploring the loss of

the good men who fell, we have the satisfaction of knowing that they died in gaining a really telling success to our arms.

It was a hard fourteen hours' fighting for all and a great test, of cool-headedness and courage, but it only called forth the grand soldierly qualities that pervade this garrison. All ranks worked with alacrity and individual intelligence, as well as pluck and endurance, and the Colonel Commanding desires to congratulate every officer and man on this crowning success to all their previous gallant work in upholding Her Majesty's supremacy. He wishes also to mark his satisfaction of the good work done by the Baralongs in the Stadt, assisted by Silas Molema. The natives joined heartily in cutting off the retreat of the Boers and in holding them in.

In to-morrow's orders will be noticed some of the more prominent instances of gallantry, but the Colonel Commanding meantime places on record his high appreciation of the admirable work done by Maj. Godley, who assumed command of affairs in the Stadt and directed the operations of the "A," "B," and "D" Squadrons, Protectorate Regiment, and one gun, with the successful results above given.

And he desires to express his warm admiration of the heroism and devotion displayed by the ladies in charge of the Women's Hospital, namely Miss Craufurd and her sister Mrs. Buchan. These ladies, in spite of the heavy fire going on around them, remained at their post although they had the opportunity of coming away, and they took in and tended the Boer wounded, working under fire doing so.

The Boers themselves express the greatest appreciation of the courage and kindness of these ladies.

MAFEKING, 15TH MAY, 1900.

*Gallantry.*—With reference to his remarks on Saturday's defeat of the enemy in their attack on Mafeking, the Colonel Commanding wishes to place on record the following cases of gallantry and good service that have come to his notice:—

(a) When the Boers attacked the BSAP Fort they did so in a large body, of which 243 actually occupied the fort after they had taken it from 15 men of the Protectorate Regiment then holding it. Trooper Hazelrigg, Cape Police, in going to the fort with a message, was shot and mortally wounded. He was put into a small room near the fort, but our fire on the place was so heavy that no one was able to reach him till Veterinary Lieutenant Dunlop-Smith and Mr. Forbes went out under very heavy fire and got to him, dressed his wounds, and remained with him for two hours.

(b) Lieutenant C. Bridges was ordered by Captain Fitzclarence (when it was found that the enemy

were in the Stadt) to take a few men and go and remove the Reserve Ammunition from the magazine near BSAP Fort to a place of safety. Lieutenant Bridges took with him Farrier Corporal Robinson, 17th Lancers; Shoeing Smith Robertson, 17th Lancers; Trooper S. Duberly, Trooper Cullis, all of "D" Squadron, Protectorate Regiment, and Corporal Globensky, "A" Squadron. On arriving near the magazine the party found that the enemy had succeeded in occupying the BSAP Fort within 400 yards of the magazine. However, this in no way daunted them, and under a heavy fire, by which one of them, Trooper Duberly, was killed, they successfully removed six boxes of ammunition. Lieutenant Bridges was wounded later in the day when in action with his troop.

(c) Lance Corporal Saunders and Trooper Pike, "B" Squadron, did good scouting work in locating the position of the Boers in the Stadt, a most difficult and dangerous task among the huts and alleys of the native town.

(d) Trooper Francis, "B" Squadron, under a heavy fire, took a white flag to the Boers, who were making a stand in the Stadt Kopje, after a previous white flag had been fired upon.

(e) Trooper Adams, "C" Troop, "A" Squadron, behaved with special coolness when Lieutenant Waller's party of 12 men came under a very heavy fire from 100 Boers at close range when the Boers were trying to escape in the evening. Sergeant Phillips was killed and Trooper Adams was of great service in assisting his officer in getting the men away.

(f) Trooper Johnson, "C" Troop "A" Squadron, volunteered to carry a message to Lord C. Bentinck under circumstances that made it almost certain death to him.

*Prisoners of War.*—Maj. Hepworth is appointed Officer in charge of Prisoners of War from Sunday, the 13th instant inclusive. All requisitions and expenditure vouchers in connection with them will be signed by him.

*Town Guard—Sick Reports.*—All members of the Town Guard when reporting sick, should do so between the hours of 9-30 and 10 a.m., except in urgent cases. A sick report should accompany them, giving post to which they belong, etc. Forms can be obtained by Post Commanders on application to Town Commandant. If the man is admitted to Hospital his rations should be sent there as soon as possible by his Post Commander.

By order,

E. H. CECIL, Major,

Chief Staff Officer.

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### THE Mafeking Mail.

FRIDAY, 18TH MAY, 1900.

Our limited means of production, hampered by the interruptions of parades &c., and the state of excitement the relief has thrown the staff into, prevent more than a small amount of matter being published.

We, therefore elect to give, instead of any account of the troops arrived, as much news from the outside world as we can, which will be of more interest to the majority of our readers.

On April 20th Kruger gave 48 hours notice to all Britishers to quit Pretoria, the Witwatersrand mining area, and the areas of Boksburg and Krugersdorp. From the text of the proclamation, printed below, it will be seen that Oom Paul shifts the responsibility of this step on the shoulders of the burghers:

#### PROCLAMATION BY HIS HON. THE STATE PRESIDENT.

Whereas numbers of burghers are pressing for the removal of all British subjects, now still in the Republic, and

Whereas the Government consider it desirable that the wishes of these burghers and others well disposed to the Government, should be respected,

So is it, that I, Stephanus Johannes Paulus Kruger, State President of the South African Republic, with the advice and consent of the executive Council, in accordance with Minute No. 69, of their proceedings, dated the 28th April, 1900, hereby proclaim, appoint, and make known that all British subjects inhabiting the district and town of Pretoria and the Witwatersrand mining area, including the areas of Boksburg and Krugersdorp, must leave the State within 48 hours, reckoning from Monday, the 30th of April, at noon, with the exception of such British subjects who shall have received from the Government, upon the

recommendation of the local Commission, permission to remain in the country.

GOD SAVE LAND AND PEOPLE.

Given under my hand, on this the 13th day of April, 1900.

S. J. P. KRUGER,  
State President.

F. W. REITZ,  
State Secretary.

The "Volksstem," the first waver of the Racial Hatred flag, thinks the proclamation should apply to the whole of the Transvaal and suggests it is only a preliminary and that other places may be dealt with in the near future.

A list of those for whom passports were issued at Johannesburg on May 2nd, 3rd, and 4th may be seen at the office of this paper by any who is interested.

The following Reuter's from Cape-town, on April 27th, we cut from a Dutch paper:

"The Boers are now flying from Wepener to the north-east, along the Ladybrand road. General French, with Rundle's Yeomanry, is following them. The Southern part of the Free State is now clear of Boers. Ian Hamilton is doing the finishing touch by driving them off from their strong position at Israelspoort. Our casualties are slight, only one being reported up to the present time, Major Mashall, of Grahamstown, having received a wound in the shoulder. The Boer loss is estimated to be heavy.

The Boers are again commandeering people in Bechuanaland.

They have destroyed the Vryburg railway station and the locomotives.

Food is now scarce, and the people are anxious for relief.

The Boers stripped wounded Yeomanry of their clothing at Boshoff.

The farmers of Barkly West district are taking refuge, with their stock, in the town of Barkly West, as looting parties of Boers now infest the district.

An official Boer wire, dated April 29th, 4 p.m. says: "The British renewed their bombardment at Fourteen streams yesterday. They subsequently sent up a balloon. One of our was wounded." [Let's shed a tear for that wounded balloon].

On May 3rd Mr. William Begbie, son of Mr. Thomas Begbie, was to be brought up on remand at Johannesburg, to answer a charge of murder in connection with the explosion at Begbie's Factory.

Wires from Kroonstad, dated the 5th inst., state that the Boer General, De la Rey, reported that morning from Eersgevonden Station: "Lord Roberts commenced his onward march Thursday (3rd inst.) in all directions. The area occupied by them was at least three hours horse ride long.

In the North, while Commandant Meyer, of Heidelberg, was fighting hard, the British troops went round and took possession of Bothasberg. The other column marched along Brandspruit.

The Irish Brigade (Boers) which had just arrived, took up positions at Brandfort. 'Heidelberg' Meyer was on the right of the Railway line, Commandant Greyling was on the left. Grobler (Ermelo) was about an hour and a half on the left of Wakkerstroom. A heavy battle ensued. Klein Adrian, the Fighting-General [(?) brother of General De la Rey] was wounded. The burghers kept the British back till 4 p.m. when I was compelled to order the commandos in the centre to retire, in order to intercept the flanks of the enemy whose number it was impossible to estimate. Our loss was one killed and 17 wounded." [Very likely after fighting about 10 hours.]

From same source:

"News has been received that Brandfort was taken by the English at 2 o'clock yesterday [Friday, 4th] there were no burghers to oppose their entrance" [which we may well believe] "only the Irish Brigade and ten scouts; Commandant Meyer with a portion of the Heidelberg commando, took up a position to the North-west, but had to retire."

In other words, they left their European allies in the lurch as usual.

Reading between the lines, the Boer loss must have been heavy, although they only acknowledge "one killed." In another part of the paper is commendation of "George Brand for his bravery in leading 50 men to take a kop from the British, and although he only had 16 men when he got to the top, &c., &c.," says the Dutch contemporary.

Brandfort is about an hour's rail from Bloemfontein. It is only a dorp of one street, a few cottages, two hotels, and a Dutch Reformed Church; with a kafir location half-a-mile North.

The following peculiar wire announces our capture of Winburg, which is some three hours' ride East of Brandfort: "Saturday. 5th.—Fighting with small arms was taking place outside the town of Winburg at noon. The town is *not yet taken possession of, but Cavalry are marching in.* The italics are ours and we recommend the "Canard Riggers News" to adopt the comic role after the annexation.

As a matter of fact we took Winburg on Friday, the day after we took Brandfort.

The Volksraad opened on Monday, 7th inst. A muster of everyone available for bearing arms was called for Saturday, 5th inst., at Pretoria.

Yesterday morning the armoured train, under Captain More, ran up the line almost abreast of Game Tree, and opened fire with the Maxim upon that historic fort. The Nordenfeldt simultaneously commenced firing from Fort Rhodes, and the Boers, about fifteen, promptly evacuated and cleared in the direction of Signal Hill. The Railway Division detachment then left the train and advanced to the fort. The Boers evidently had been preparing to scoot, a letter, of which the following is a translation, was found inside:—

"Platboom Fort,  
"14th May, 1900.

"DEAREST FRIEND,—We are leaving our fort and trust you will look after it so that if we come back some day it will be in good order. You must look out that you are not hemmed in here because I see danger surrounding your position.

"With greetings,  
"LIEUT. SWALT."

At the tree is a little redoubt made with bags of earth. The fort itself, which is rectangular in shape, with one corner directed to the line, lies back from the tree about 150 feet. It consists of a bank of earth about 2 feet 6 high, on top of which are placed two parallel rows of sacks of earth, laid on their sides, upon them is another layer of filled sacks, also laid flat, and on top of this double layer are sacks standing upright, supported behind with two others, all filled with earth. Between each of these upright sacks an opening is left about 6 inches wide and a corresponding tunnel left between the supporting sacks. Of these openings there are 28 on the North face and 7 on the East and West faces. Inside is protected by single sheets of corrugated iron, sloping to the centre and making the enclosure look like a pig yard, the smell also resembled one. Outside about 12 feet from the

fort, on all four sides, is a barbed wire fence. The only opening to the fort was upon the North side, where a narrow passage was left and angled up with sand bags. A few steps from this exit is a well. Only very little of the town can be seen from the position.

The money for tickets taken for last Sunday's week's concert will be refunded on application to Messrs. Aldred & Ross.

Their weekly sale will be held on Saturday (to-morrow) instead of Sunday as heretofore.

Will the member of the Relief Force inquiring for Mr. Humphries, kindly call at this office.

## £20 REWARD.

LOST, last Saturday, 12th May, at B.S.A.P. Fort, a FOLDING WRITING CASE. Anyone returning the same to the "Mail" Office, with its contents intact, will receive the above reward.

## AUCTION NOTICE.

THE undersigned, duly instructed by MR. J. E. JONES, will sell,

To-morrow, Saturday,

AT 10 A.M.,

WITHOUT RESERVE, all his

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

as previously announced.

Anyone requiring Good Furniture should not miss this Sale.

At 11 o'clock will be sold a set of SIEGE STAMPS. No Reserve.

Also 1 Gent.'s Bicycle: 1 Lady's Bicycle; 1 Shot Gun, in case (by Andrews, London,) and Cartridges; 1 Jackall Skin Kaross, and the usual quantity of sundries.

Aldred & Ross,

Auctioneers and Sworn Appraisers.

E. Platnauer,

Auctioneer, etc.,

will sell on

Saturday, the 19th inst.,

AT 9-30 A.M.,

The whole of Mr. Montagu's

STATIONERY,

Consisting of Ledgers, Cash Books, Day Books, Writing Paper, Envelopes, Pencils, Ink, School Books, Novels, etc., etc.

1 94-pdr. Shell,

1 Complete Set SIEGE STAMPS,

Horns, Clothing, Boots,

1 lb. Maxim,

Furniture, etc., etc.

No Reserve.



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### THE Mafeking Mail.

SATURDAY, 19TH MAY, 1900.

#### Our Relief.

After 217 days, Mafeking's endurance was rewarded by the long looked for relief. About 7 o'clock, on the evening of Wednesday 16th, Major Karri-Davis, with eight scouts of the Imperial Light Horse, reached the town, and on Thursday morning the welcome arrival of Major Brigadier-General Mahon and Colonel Plumer, with about 1,700 men, put an end to our beleaguering and the Siege of Mafeking was over. Seven months and four clear days severance from the remainder of the world, with a fighting force of less than a thousand volunteers, wound up with a list of casualties to the enemy of about one and a quarter man per every one of our garrison, and a loss of less than ten per cent. to ourselves, is fit cause for rejoicing, congratulation and thankfulness. The remembrance of our privations and tribulations will now fade like mist under the sun, and we can all join in unreserved praise and gratefulness to the gallant Colonel and his officers who held the town and did their best to while away the tedious weeks as pleasantly as possible. In our next issue we hope to give some particulars of the Force to which we are indebted for our relief and their fight to get in.

The following account of last Saturday's attack on Mafeking is by a correspondent of the *Rand Post* who was with the invaders:—

"In the morning Eloff's commando together with the Marico and Rustenburg burghers, 215 men, stormed Mafeking, advanced under heavy rifle and Maxim fire and entered the native stadt, which we set on fire. We captured a strong fort near the Railway Station, and also a few smaller forts, altogether 30 prisoners taken. We were, towards evening, surrounded in the fort and native stadt and cut off from water. Captain Von Dalwig, with his cannon, drove the enemy out of a couple of small forts. There is no excuse for

the delay in sending up the promised reinforcements or of not taking steps for occupying the forts or of assisting us. Had this been done we would have taken the greater portion of Mafeking. We waited until about 8 o'clock in the evening and had then, with God's help, to try and force our way back through overwhelming numbers of the enemy, who were all over the plain and were supported by the armoured train, and proceeded first to the assistance of a small body of our men, and for two long hours we were in the Molopo River. The steep banks afforded us some little shelter through this period when we were again fired on with Maxims and rifles by the outposts and forts, but God shielded us. Those who remained behind in the fort will have to surrender. Three times we were called on to surrender but the majority of our men were decided to die rather than be taken prisoners.

"I shall later send you the total dead, wounded, and prisoners. This morning ten of our dead, amongst them two of the Johannesburg Laager, were buried at the Head Laager. Your correspondent who accompanied the attacking party could not telegraph you the dangers and hardships we had to go through, and above all, the men who fell and the heroes who volunteered to take Mafeking for the glory of the Transvaal. This plucky deed, which would have ended in our triumph, had the promised support been sent us, has now, alas, ended in our loss. The capture of Colonel Hore is, according to information received from the prisoners, a 'record in the world's history.' It speaks for itself that we had to leave the prisoners (30 in all) behind and allowed to go free. I should have informed you earlier, but owing to cold and wet, I am only able to do so now. I shall write you a long and complete account later. The enemy are marching on in two columns and we must fight again. Assistant General De la Rey is here.

#### MEMS.

It is said that Archdeacon Upcher has been taken prisoner by the Boers.

A Pretoria Despatch of Saturday 29th, says the British in Na-

tal are advancing at Helpmakaar and Van Tonders Nek. A skirmish took place at Pomeroy.

The Court, enquiring into the loss of the "Mexican," found that the Captains of the "Mexican" and "Winkfield" acted properly, and ordered their certificates to be returned. Every effort was made to save the ship and her abandonment was justified. Some of the firemen were drunk at the time of the collision, but discipline was observed, although some of the "Mexican" men were insubordinate on board the "Winkfield."

A member of the Relief Force brought from Kimberley a memorial card, with the following printed upon it:

In Remembrance of  
**CRONJE,**  
Who succumbed to an attack  
of "Boes."  
ON MAJUBA DAY, FEB. 27, 1900.  
"Not lost, but gone before."  
To St. Helena.

Though taken away from a world  
strife,  
He leaves a "STEYN" behind him.

Philipus Christian Cronje, age 21, of Ficksburg, O.F.S., a Boer prisoner at Green Point, was taking exercise on Monday 7th, he went outside the limits and took no notice of the sentry's warning. The sentry shot him.

London, April 24th.—The Duke of Argyle is dead.



A lot of Griqualand West rebels took refuge in Christiaana. We hope they are all on the list of casualties by now.

In Germany Dr. Leyds managed to get a par inserted in the "Klein Journal," Berlin, setting forth, in decided terms, that negotiations were on foot in Berlin, Washington, and London, with a view to bring about a peace between England and the Transvaal.

The American Senate has refused by 29 votes to 20, to consider a resolution of sympathy with the Boers.

The Imperial Government loan for carrying on the war has been subscribed ten times over. There were thirty-one thousand eight hundred applicants, and the total amount subscribed for, was three hundred and thirty-five and a half millions.

On April 11th the Queen reviewed 10,000 troops in Phoenix Park, Dublin, amidst scenes of enthusiasm.

## EXTRACTS OF LOCAL INTEREST.

*From the Standard & Diggers' News of May 14th.*

**MAFEKING'S LAST HOUR.**

**AT THE WESTERN GATE.**

**STORMED & SHELLED.**

**FORTAFTER FORT CAPTURED**

**THE END APHROCHES.**

**BADEN-POWELL HARD  
PRESSED.**

Pretoria 13th, (Special).—I am officially informed that Mafeking was stormed yesterday morning at daybreak. The Kaffir Stadt of Montsioa was set alight by our shells and completely burnt before seven o'clock. Heavy fighting proceeded all day. Fort after fort being occupied by our men.

In its leader of same date the Standard & Diggers' News, for once, said something true "the long siege of Mafeking promises at any moment to come to a successful end," it did, but not exactly as this misleading journal predicted.

"Our forces (the Boers) are advancing again upon the Mafeking Relief Column, which left Vryburg and has reached Setlagoli."

## TRANSCAAL AMAZONS.

At a meeting of women on Friday last, at Irene Hall, Plein Street, Johannesburg, Mrs. Neethling (who had permission to speak in English where her Dutch failed her,) said there were individual cases, amongst the burghers, where courage gave way, and it was suggested to form a Fighting Corps of Women, an Amazon Corps as it is popularly called. The proposition required consideration, she thought they might arrange for women to take the place of the able-bodied young men in the Commissariat and other offices, who, sheltering themselves behind a pen and a bottle of ink, were evading military duty. She said, amidst applause, their exemplary fidelity might be employed to better advantage at the fighting front.

Mrs. Dr. Van Dyk Matthey expressed herself vehemently concerning sturdy men skulking behind departments and evading commando by a pretence of public duties. It was the cowards that evaded their country's call who should be driven to the front.

Mrs. De Power strongly advocated the immediate formation of an Amazonian Corps of Afrikaner Women, and expressed her readiness to be nominated their General. Her husband's blood had been shed and it was for her to avenge him and protect their Fatherland from the invader.

Mrs. Beckwith, daughter of the last speaker, was for compelling every man shielding himself behind Commissariat and other frivolous excuses to go and fight the enemy.

Field-cornet H. J. Louw, who was acting as Chairman, agreed that a percentage of the fighting population deserved this scathing indictment.

A German lady said her husband was prepared to go to the front, but point blank declined to espouse an Afrikaner cause which certain Afrikanders declined to take up. When he (fighting) stood firm the Afrikanders would (deserting him) flee.

Mrs. Isabel Starr was of opinion the burghers now employed as Special Mining Police should be utilized.

The following propositions were carried:—

1. A message of encouragement to those in the field.
2. The enrollment of Burgheresse<sup>s</sup> prepared to defend the Fatherland as an armed corps for active service.
3. The removal, where possible, of men from the post and telegraph offices [women to be substituted].
4. The ladies' insistence of a general call to arms of all burghers, including those over 60 and under 16.

A petition was to be presented to the Government asking that women should be supplied with revolvers and ammunition.

Mr. Johannes Joubert said: "If the English are near enough to be shot with revolvers."

"Dan kan ons maar vleesch bakken."

A controversy then ensued between two dames on the relative efficiency of revolvers and rifles, which the Chairman checked, remarking that "in his opinion a revolver is not always a judicious weapon in the home or in a woman's hand." [From which we infer he is a married man.]

A Commission of three ladies, Mesdames Sarel Eloff, Neethling and Johannes Joubert, was elected to put the arrangements into practical form and to apply to the Government for weapons, and various of those present having subscribed to the list of recruits, the ladies left to resume their domestic duties.—*Standard & Diggers' News.*

**E. Platnauer,**

**Auctioneer, etc..**

Will sell at the Residence of Mr.  
F. G. MONTAGU,

**On Wednesday, 22nd,  
AT 10-30 A.M.**

The following items of

### HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

Double Bedsteads and Bedding, Single Bedsteads and Bedding, Tables, Chairs, Chests of Drawers, Cupboards, Crockery and Glassware, Stove complete, Kitchen Utensils, Baths, Child's Cot and Perambulator, Vases, Ornaments, Blinds, etc., Linoleum and Matting, Enamelware, etc., etc.

### WANTED.

A Punch and Judy Show Professor—Apply to "S," this office.

### Typewriting Machine.

Wanted to purchase or hire.—Apply "Y," Mail Office.

## Thanksgiving Services

### For our RELIEF

will be held at the

**English Church,**

**ON SUNDAY, 20TH MAY,**

|                |     |            |
|----------------|-----|------------|
| Holy Communion | ... | 8 a.m.     |
| Morning Prayer | ... | 10-30 a.m. |
| Evening Prayer | ... | 7-30 p.m.  |

The preacher at the Evening Service will be the

**Ven. Archdeacon Upcher.**

A collection will be made for the  
**NEW CHURCH FUND,**

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MONDAY, 21st MAY, 1900.

#### Our Relief.

Colonel Mahon's march to our relief, of 240 miles in twelve days, through country in the hands of the enemy; the skirmish north of Kraaipan, on the 13th; the junction with Colonel Plumer; and the fight outside Mafeking on Wednesday last, will, when recounted by the able scribes who accompanied the force, form one of the most notable chapters in the history of this war. The relieved garrison has scarcely yet been able to voice its appreciation of the gallant achievement of our devoted countrymen, fellow colonists and those who came from the other ends of the world to our assistance, and tramped the weary miles to complete the work we had commenced: i.e. the Saving of the Western Border; but the heart of Mafeking is not a cold one, and though long duration of anxiety may have somewhat numbed its throbbing, it is full of fraternal yearning to those noble volunteers who came to our rescue so grandly; and whose undertaking has been crowned with such signal success. Mafeking's feelings towards them, words fail to convey. We are also indebted to Kimberley, where a special force, the Kimberley Mounted Corps, was formed to relieve us, and with "M" battery of R.H.A., four twelve pounders and two Vicker's Maxims, "Poms-poms," and the Cape Police's three galloping Maxims, set out on the 2nd inst. under Brigadier-Gen. Mahon. The K.M.C. was composed of a squadron of C.P., D. II & D.I., detachments from the Diamond Fields Horse and the Kimberley Light Horse; all of whom, having had some Boer investment; at Kimberley, volunteered "en masse" for the relief of Kimberley's youngster: Mafeking. At Halfway House, on the road to Barkly,

they met detachments of the Imperial Light Horse, who came round from Natal, under Col. Edwards, and the United Fusiliers. There the force was formed and left on the 4th inst. The next day artillery firing was heard and shells were seen to hurt on the top of some hills on their right, and the scouts reported that a number of men were seen retiring in the same direction with their advance. During the whole of Sunday, the 6th inst., heavy and continuous firing was heard from the direction of Fourteen Streams. Some cattle were captured upon this day and four rebels made prisoners, and again on Tuesday, the 8th, more prisoners were taken; and treated much better than their deserts. A squadron of Cape Police, under Major Berrangé, was sent into Taungs on the 9th and found the place deserted. At the post office the last message recorded on the tape read: "Thick clouds of dust coming over the hill, I am going to clear; you had better do so too." By noon the same day, Wednesday, the force was met by a party of ladies who drove out from Vryburg in vehicles, decorated with flags and red, white and blue ribbon. They gave a warm welcome to the men and presented those of the Cape Police with some bread, which was welcome. No Boers were to be seen in the place, and the Union Jack was once more hoisted there. At the station, which itself showed no signs of damage [It will be remembered that the truthful "S. & D. News" said the station was destroyed] two engines were found wrecked by dynamite, and all the station furniture had been stolen. Here the horses were rested for twenty hours. From Vryburg all along the route rebels were arrested and arms, with large quantities of ammunition, taken.

Fraser's store at Setlagoli was reached on Sunday, 13th, and there Lady Sarah Wilson's maid was found. Later in the day Colonel Mahon learned that a commando had taken up a strong position at Koodoosrand, so another road to the left was followed. The Boers observed this from the higher ground they occupied and made way through the bush and

waited for our force. They opened fire and some of the Light Horse were knocked over. Our men speedily got into action and drove the Boers back, inflicting upon them considerable loss. Our casualties were 5 killed and 28 wounded, who were sent back to Brodie's, under the charge of Dr. Beard. On this day very great suffering was endured through thirst, water was scarce and a drink of it fetched anything between eighteen pence and half-a-crown. The night of the 14th was bitterly cold and the men had not got their blankets with them. A most terrible experience we may easily imagine. The ground now was sandy and loose, so the progress over this portion of the trek was very slow. Word had been sent to Col. Plumer arranging where to meet, and by doing TWENTY-SEVEN MILES IN ONE MARCH the Southern column arrived at Jan Masibi's stall within an hour of the Northern. The Boers had been before them, looted the place, and taken prisoner all the males.

Colonel Plumer's force of about 850 comprised detachments from the B.S.A.P. and Rhodesian Regiments, mounted, with Canadians, Queenslanders and Rhodesian Volunteers, on foot. They had done the 28 MILES from Plumer's camp at Sefeteli, through sandy soil, in FIFTEEN HOURS to save Mafeking. In addition to that let us note what our brothers from Canada and from Australia did for us. Arriving at Beira, directly they left the ship they entrained for Salisbury, from there they hurried over the 300 miles to Bulawayo. Never pausing they took train again for Ootsi, and started thence the heavy distance to Sefeteli, arriving about seven o'clock on the morning of Tuesday last. Now, would they not take a long rest? No. They heard the cry of Mafeking's danger, and though barely seven hours in camp they started at 2 o'clock on the afternoon of Tuesday and walked with Plumer's men those twenty-eight sandy miles, completing *twenty miles in three nights*, and fought the enemy for us. Great Britain, are you not proud of your sons?

On Wednesday morning, 16th, the combined forces left Jan Masibi's and proceeded East by the Molopo Valley. Natives in advance of the scouts reported seeing some Boers a little South of Sanie's village and learned that Boers had been enquiring the whereabouts of both North



and South columns. They were told that Plumer's was at Kanya, but that it was not known where Mahon's was. Before our main body arrived at Sanie's, our scouts observed about five hundred of the enemy with three guns, placed on the South side of the Molopo, on the higher ground, North-east from Sanie's village. This commando had kept up with Mabon's force from Koodoo's Rand, and now were preparing to offer resistance to his march to Mafeking. After an hour or two there were signs of movement amongst the enemy and our advance was resumed. It was soon seen that the Boers were rounding off upon our right front to take offensive positions, upon the South sides of the valley through which our road lay. To counteract this movement two squadrons of the B.S.A.P. crossed the river and occupied a position on the South bank. While "B" and "C" Squadrons of the Rhodesia Regiment, supported by "D"; with "E" and the Canadians and four 12-pounders under Major Hudon; and a 12½-pounder, with three 2-5 mountain guns, under Captain Llewellyn, were placed on a ridge running North and South, upon this, the North side, of the Molopo, and formed our centre, the horses being left in the valley. The remainder of Colonel Plumer's force occupied the right, while to the left on still higher ground, were the R.H.A. guns. A party of the enemy had been noticed riding across our front, evidently with the intention of gaining the top of the ridge on our extreme left, but Colonel Edwards, with two squadrons of I.L.H. galloped up the kloof and reached the top before the Boers. Lying down in the grass, they fired at them and drove them back. The enemy had two "pom-poms," one 5-pounder "Krupp," and four 12½-pounders. They opened the ball by shelling our transport, so the wagons were sent off the road up the valley in a North-easterly direction. When part of the convoy reached the sky line the Boer artillery quickly got its range and took full advantage of it, although with the exception of a few slight casualties there was no damage done. "B" and "C" Squadron Rhodesians, were ordered to advance along the left bank of the river to the position above mentioned, and "C" Squadron, K.M.C., galloped to the crest of the ridge and, with Colonel Edward's men, engaged the enemy on our left front. The R.H.A. promptly finding the range of two twelve pounders and a pom-pom, on the enemy's right front; and a twelve pdr. on his extreme right, while our other artillery divided their attention between the Boer's centre and left. This soon forced them to retire the guns some three hundred yards, and practically put them out of action, but the Boers spread themselves about and with their Mausers, aided by a "pom-pom" enfiladed Plumer's right for a little while. After a short time the Boers, driven out by the United

Fusiliers from some houses they were holding, took up a strong position in the river bed, from which it was difficult to dislodge them. But Major Pilson, Dublin Fusiliers, asked for a gun to be taken out so as to enfilade the enemy. This was done, and the Boers retired down the banks of the river, endeavouring to cut off our rear guard, but two squadrons of the K.M.C., with a Maxim, under Lieut.-Colonel Peakman, held them in check, almost till dusk. To his assistance a 7-pounder was sent out in a Scotchcart. As it neared its destination a shell from the Boers burst underneath, overturned it, and pitched the gun out, almost where required for action, fortunately there was nobody hurt. From then forward the Boers were driven from point to point, and what began as a retirement ended as a stampede, although very heavy "Mausering" was kept up till after dark. The scouting Boers separated, one party going South-east. The serenity of the latter's disposition was evidently disturbed, judging from the haste they made, as seen from this town, on Wednesday, the "extreme mobility of the Boers" when (Britishers are after them) being again demonstrated. Just as the lot going South were trekking across the drift with their wagons, the United Fusiliers caught sight of them. They fired on the wagons, killed the mules and captured a wagon load of "pom-pom" ammunition. Early in the fight Major Bird, commanding "B" Squadron (Rhodesia), was severely wounded, and Lieutenant Harland, "C" Squadron, Captain McLaren's old Squadron, who was on Bird's left, went to his assistance. Just as he reached the object of his errand of mercy, he was killed by a bullet through the head, and at about the same time Lieutenant Alec Forbes, of "E" Squadron, was wounded severely in both legs. Our total casualties were about 30, but we have not been able to obtain details.

We are deeply indebted to Mr. Mackenzie, of Bulawayo, and Mr. Salamons, of Kimberley, for the assistance they kindly gave with reference to the above, and regret that our very limited power of production prevents us doing fuller justice to their notes.—[Ed.]

#### ERRATUM.

It was Bishop Gaul, Mashonaland, who was reported to have been captured by the Boers, not Archdeacon Upcher, who was announced in another column of the same slip (Saturday 19th), to preach here yesterday. Those printers again.

His Honour the Mayor has received a communication from Col. Baden-Powell to the effect that he had again written to His Excellency, urging the importance of the question of compensation being assured, also, if possible, to obtain free passes for Capetown for all inhabitants of Mafeking who desire to have them.

Repairing the line North is being pushed on rapidly. Under Permanent Way Inspector Vickery, a gang started to work on Thursday. A great deal of trouble was involved in attending to that portion of the line between a mile and three miles from the town. The place where the trolley of dynamite—which the Boers humanely tried to send into town—exploded, had previously been mended, but level with Game Tree, there was a spot where a large amount of explosive had evidently been used. Here the metals were torn up on both sides, those on the western side were curled up and stood in enormous "C's." Beyond there about seven sections had been removed bodily but were left near by on the veldt. The culvert (4½ miles) had also been lifted out of place but the rails were close at hand. Beyond the spot where the seven sections are removed the line appears intact, and last night the "10 mile" cottage was nearly approached. It is hoped that this party will be in touch with the repairing party approaching from the North to-morrow, when the train can come through.

### E. Platnauer, Auctioneer, etc.,

Will sell at the Residence of Mr.  
F. G. MONTAGU,

On Wednesday, 22nd,  
AT 10-30 A.M.

The following items of

#### HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

Double Bedsteads and Bedding, Single Bedsteads and Bedding, Tables, Chairs, Chests of Drawers, Cupboards, Crockery and Glassware, Stove complete, Kitchen Utensils, Baths, Child's Cot and Perambulator, Vases, Ornaments, Blinds, etc., Linoleum and Matting, Enamelware, etc., etc.

#### Transvaal Refugees.

A Meeting will be held to-night at the Court House, at 8-30 to discuss the future position of the late Republics, &c.

### STAMPS.

COMPLETE set of Siege Stamps for Sale. What offers? Apply H.T., Mail Office.

FOR SALE,  
FIVE GOOD DONKEYS.—  
Apply Inspector B. Myers.

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Tuesday, May 22nd, 1900.

Last evening's issue, with some notes upon the advance of our Relief Column, was sold out by noon today. Since then so many applications have been made for copies that we have decided to reprint it during the night. The extra cost thus incurred will compel us most reluctantly to increase the charge to 6D. each copy.

that Christiana was occupied by the British, Tuesday 15th, a week today, with but little opposition.

Kroonstadt was evidently taken a day or two before, probably Sunday night. The Boers report their own loss as "heavy." When they admit that, we may conclude it was pretty warm.

defence. We are proud of Mafeking and recognise that its obstinate defence has gone very far in saving Rhodesia from the horrors of war. I congratulate you personally on the great work you have done during the siege. Express our sympathy with wounded and friends and relatives of

### THE Mafeking Mail.

TUESDAY, 22ND MAY, 1900.

#### MEMS.

At a meeting held at the Court House last evening by a number of Refugees who have borne arms during the Siege, a committee was appointed to draw up certain resolutions with reference to the future of the two Republics and the Punishment of Rebels, for placing before another meeting, which it is intended to call for Wednesday (to-morrow), 3 p.m.

"In the place where the tree falleth, there it shall be." "The Preacher" said, and this applied to Jackall Tree, for there it lay just where it dropped when the Boers cut it down, hoping by that means to prevent our men making such good aim. The dry tree came in handy for firewood.

Mentioning "aim" reminds us that the Boers' five-pounder brought in from the South-west position bears bullet marks which testify to the excellence of British marksmanship.

This gun, we learn, has been presented by the Colonel Commanding to the Cape Police D. H. It was captured by the Brickfields garrison, Lieutenant Currie and "his boys."

We congratulate the C P upon having secured it as a memento. It was answerable to them for one of the saddest incidents of the Siege, the damage to poor Elkington, as well as slight injuries to Sub-Inspector Murray, Corporal Warren and Private Nixon. Besides these, W. Dudley, of the Town Guard, who was killed by it was attached to the C P D H, while at Ellis' corner.

Telegrams found in the "Molopo Hoofd Laager," (McMullin's) show

Laing's Nek tunnel is wrecked by the enemy, this it may be concluded has been done to protect their retreat. Probably, therefore, the North of Natal may now be quit of them.

#### CONGRATULATIONS.

The following telegrams have been received to-day by the Mayor, F. Whiteley, Esq.:-

Bulawayo Town Council,

The Mayor, Mafeking.

The Town Council and people of Bulawayo rejoice in the relief of Mafeking, and desire to express to your Council and inhabitants their admiration of the gallant and successful defence. Well done Mafeking.

Bulawayo Chamber of Commerce.

The Mayor, Mafeking.

The Chamber desire to convey to you, on behalf of the Commercial community of Bulawayo, their appreciation of your gallant defence, and of the difficulties and hardships you have endured, and tender their hearty congratulations on successful termination of Siege.

Chamber of Mines, Bulawayo.

Mayor, Mafeking.

The Rhodesia Chamber of Mines desire to express, on behalf of the mining community of Rhodesia, their appreciation of your most gallant defence, and of the hardships and sufferings that defence has entailed, and tender to you their most hearty congratulations on the successful termination of a glorious episode in the war.

Vintcent, (Chief Justice) Bulawayo.

The Mayor, Mafeking.

Thank God you are relieved after a truly heroic and unparalleled

Bradley, Gwelo.

Mayor, Mafeking.

Hearty congratulations to all to whom relief. Your defence is an example of "unity is strength." God bless you all. Good old Mafeking.

Dempster, Bulawayo.

Mayor, Mafeking.

Hearty congratulations on relief of Mafeking.

The Colonel Commanding has also received Congratulatory Telegrams from the following:

- 1 The Administrator, Bulawayo.
- 2 Salisbury.
- 3 Sir Marshall Clarke
- 4 Civil Servants of Matabeleland.
- 5 Chamber of Mines, Salisbury.
- 6 " of Commerce, Bulawayo.
- 7 Gwelo.
- 8 Officer Commanding, Palapye.
- 9 Mayor of Salisbury.
- 10 Nash, "Gwelo Times."

## MAFEKING GARRISON

### GENERAL ORDERS

By Colonel R. S. S. Bute-Powell,  
Commanding Frontier Force.

MAFEKING, 16TH MAY, 1900.

Garrison.—2nd Notice.—In continuation of yesterday's orders with reference to Saturday's action, the Colonel Commanding has much pleasure in publishing the following additional report from "Major Godley":

I wish to bring to the notice of the Colonel Commanding the excellent services performed by the following Officers, NCO's and men, Captain F. C. Mash, Protectorate Regiment, who, by his promptitude in sending men at daybreak to guard

the drifts and river banks, confined the Boers to the North side of the Stadt and prevented them from obtaining water. He also displayed great personal gallantry in jumping into the kraal where the first party of Boers was captured, while a heavy fire was going on, and interposing himself between the Boers, who had raised a white flag, and the Baralong who wanted to kill them.

*Capt. C. Fitzclarence*, Protectorate Regiment, who by his action about daybreak, so successfully separated the Boers in the BSAP Fort from those in the Stadt.

The way in which both these Officers handled their squadrons in attacking the kraal and kopje was most skilful.

"A" Squadron (25); Cape Police; D 1, (16); Maxim Caps Police, D 2; (6) Natives, (30) Captain Lord C Bentinck, Protectorate Regiment, disposed the mixture of men at his command west of the Stadt and about the river, most skilfully throughout the day. His arrangements also for withdrawing and concentrating the small parties of his command from the river bed after dark, was most admirable.

"B" Squadron, 13, Lieutenant E. Holden, Protectorate Regiment, handled most skilfully the small party of men which commanded the drifts across the river in the Stadt. Six Boers are known to have been shot by this party.

"C" Troop, "A" Squadron, Lieut. R. W. Walker, Protectorate Regiment, with his small party kept at bay, from the small donga on the river, the party of about 100 Boers who tried to escape after dusk, till ordered to retire. Sergeant Phillips was killed there, and all the men had narrow escapes, their rifles and clothing being hit, but none showed any sign of flinching.

*Sub-Inspector F W Harvey*, with his detachment (six men) of Cape Police D 1, did good service in an important place in the river bed throughout the day.

*Sergeant M. Walker*, Cape Police, D 1, did some excellent scouting during the day, and was very cool under hot fire.

*Corporal R. B. Christie*, C P, D I, who, from a wound received during the Siege, is unable to carry a rifle, carried messages throughout the day between Captain Lord C. Bentinck and Sub-Inspector Harvey, and took food down to his comrades in the river bed, all his journeys for either purpose being performed under heavy fire.

*Corporal R. Rowland* (30 Men), Bechuanaland Rifles (wounded), in charge of Natives, assisted the Baralong materially in the defence of their Stadt, especially at the Western end in the evening, when, with a small party, he successfully contested the exit of the Boers till ordered to

retire being wounded himself, and losing one killed and one wounded of his party.

The cheerfulness and alacrity with which the men of all detachments worked and ran to the attack, notwithstanding their want of exercise, food and sleep, was most marked.

*Increase of Establishment.*—The establishment of the Mafeking Cadet Corps is hereby increased from the 14th April, 1900, to a total of 4 N C O's and 36 privates.

By order,

E. H. CECIL Major,

Chief Staff Officer.

## GARRISON SPORTS

TO BE HELD ON THE

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ON

HER MAJESTY'S BIRTHDAY,

To commence at 1 p.m.,

Under the patronage of Colonel

R. S. S. Baden-Powell.

VICE PATRONS:

Colonel Mahon, D.S.O.; Lieutenant-Colonel Hore; Major Goold-Adams, C.B., C.M.G.

COMMITTEE:

Lt.-Col. Edwards, Lt.-Col. Walford  
Lt.-Col. King, Insp. Browne,  
Major Jackson, Captain Cowan.  
Captain J. R. More.

Entries to close at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, at the Headquarter Office, to be addressed to the Hon. Secretary.

PROGRAMME:

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- 5—V.C. Race. Prizes £2 and £1.
- 6—Sack Race, for Natives. Prizes 10/-, 5/- and 2/6.
- 7—Wrestling on Horseback (teams of 9). Prize £4.
- 8—Greasy Pole. Prizes £1 & 10/-

Capt. S. W. J. SCHOLEFIELD,  
Hon. Secretary.

## LOST

A BRIDLE, curled snaffle bit with martingale, formerly the property of Captain Marsham, and taken from the B.S.A.P. Camp. Finder will be rewarded on returning it to the office of the "Mail."

## Souvenir of the Siege.

BOOK of Photographs containing Photos of all Corps, Units, Ports, Ruins through shell fire, etc.

Orders now being booked, or for Single Photos.

D. TAYLOR,  
Photographer.

Market Square,  
Mafeking.

## NOTICE.

A MEETING of Refugees from the Transvaal and Free State, who have been here throughout the Siege, will be held at the Court House to-morrow (Wednesday) afternoon at 3 o'clock.

By order of Committee,  
E. W. HUNT, Hon. Sec.

## Siege Stamps.

WANTED to purchase, for Cash, several collections of all kinds, in large or small quantities.—Apply CASSIM SULIMAN, Hairdresser, Main Street.

## Post and Telegraphs.

THE office will be opened daily, except Sunday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. for the transaction of ordinary postal and telegraphic business.

Letters may be posted in the Letter Box at the Post Office.

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Wednesday, May 23rd, 1900.

We are sorry that we are compelled to reduce the size of the Slips. No more of the other size is obtainable. We have wired to Bulawayo and hope to get a supply from that town of the size we started upon last November. In the meantime we must ask our subscribers to continue to us that indulgence which so materially encouraged us during the Siege.

## THE Mafeking Mail.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD MAY, 1900.

### RAILWAY COMMUNICATION RESTORED.

Last night, at a quarter to eight, the first train from the North arrived, having aboard sixteen mail bags, and two hundred bags of mealies. The expeditious repairing of the line reflects great credit upon Captain More and his staff, for there was an enormous lot of work to be done. At 9 miles the big dynamite hole, where our trucks exploded, was quite four feet deep and about one hundred and forty feet long. Oaklands culvert was found to be destroyed, the piers having been blown up with dynamite, and the girders carried away on to the veldt. Beyond that there were, in one place, no less than forty-eight consecutive pairs of rails carried out for a considerable distance and damaged. Evidently oxen, or horses, had been employed to remove them, and they were scattered in various directions all over the place. At another point there were twelve pairs displaced, and at numerous spots four, or two pairs had been removed and damaged. The dynamiter in many

places had acted like a novice, as instead of placing the charge at the junction of two rails, and damaging both with one explosion, he had stuck it under the middle of a rail, with the result that the metal was merely bent. At Ramathlahama hank the rails were torn up and thrown aside on to the lower ground. Lieutenant Walmisley was in charge of the escort party and the armoured train, but no sight of the Boers was obtained. The junction with the party from the North was effected by 3 o'clock in the afternoon amid much cheering and engine whistling. The line is now made good right through to Bulawayo and heliographic communication is established with Signal Hill, commanding the country for fifteen or twenty miles North and West. The Mafeking men were immediately most hospitably entertained by the repairing party from the North, who were under the charge of Lieutenant Wallis, Southern Rhodesia Volunteers. All the Railway employees distinguished themselves by their energetic work; highly commendable when their late privations are taken into consideration.

### MEMS.

The Reverend Mr. Peart left on Saturday last, with not much apparent preparation for the journey beyond a stout heart. We wish him every good wish and believe his career, whatever direction it runs, will be a successful one.

Major Baillie drove off in Mr. B. B. Weil's cart about 10-15 on Sunday morning. The Major started his journey laughing, with the chuckle, quite a feature of the Siege, bubbling out as usual. Mr. Keeley, Inspector Marsh and Dr. W. F. Davies also and Major Anderson

went to bring the wounded from Maritzani, he returned last evening with them (22) making the Hospital quite full again. Town Councillor H. H. Bradley also started South on Sunday morning. Major Sam Weil, who arrived with the Relief Column, remains here.

Nobody ever takes notice of what is said by the South African Review, but lest anyone happening to get hold of a copy and, not knowing its unreliableness, believes the statement that Mr. Connolly, who proved so useful here in ordnance matters, was previously employed at the Transvaal Arsenal, Pretoria, we would like to contradict it point blank. Mr. Connolly worked only for Tarrey & Company, Engineers, Johannesburg, before he came to Mafeking.

The Thanksgiving Services at the Church of England on Sunday were well attended. In the evening there was no room for many who came; the aisles were filled, as was the porch, while a number went away unable to find either seat or standing room. The Rev. Mr. Weekes gave an excellent discourse of praise and thanksgiving, wisely refraining from gratifying those who like to hear politics from the pulpit. The text selected was that joyful outburst commencing the 107th psalm: "O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy." The collections were devoted to a New Church Building Fund. The accommodation of the present structure having for some considerable time past been found inadequate to meet the requirements of the rapidly increasing residential population. It is hoped that the number of people who were unable to find seats, will return thanks in a practical way, by sending their offerings to the Standard Bank, to the credit of this account.



The time for the Sports to commence to-morrow has been altered from 1 o'clock to 2 o'clock; an additional prize has been set down for the 100 Yards Flat Race, and item No. 8 has been changed from Greasy Pole to Bolster Fight on Pole.

The Post Office re-opened to-day. The clearing up after six months shell-fire and replacing instruments, &c., entails an enormous amount of work upon a reduced staff, several of them being still on duty at the outposts. The office will be open daily (Sunday excepted) from 9 till 1 and 2 till 4 (not 5 o'clock as stated in yesterday's advertisement). An addition to the plant was made by the capture of a "Siemen's Improved" in the Molopo Laager. In addition to which a considerable quantity of wire was found. This will prove useful in restoring communication, which is now being pushed rapidly on. Ten miles of wire has to be repaired between here and the present end of the line at Ootsi.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor Mafeking Mail.

SIR,—The native population have most certainly benefitted to the greatest extent by the Boer retreat, but we poor mortals are still on our old sistance, in the way of rations. We hear of large captures of meal, flour and mealies and other food-stuffs by the Government, but have, up to the present, not participated in any increased ration. We should be all most grateful if only 2 ozs. of mealie meal per adult were served out daily, even if only for a day or two, it would be a relief and change from the sour, and sometimes bitter, sowens, which, by the same token, are having an injurious effect upon some persons.

I am,  
RATION.

[All in good time, but surely you are mistaken about "injurious effect." As a matter of fact nothing could be more wholesome.—ED.]

## Creditors of H. C Thompson.

Formerly Public School Master, are requested to send particulars of their claims to "Thompson," this office.

## B.P.

(From the "GLOBE," 17—11—99.)

With his hands in his pockets, \*a pipe in his mouth, and the gleam of a smile in his eye,  
The Colonel holds Cronje at bay, and blows rings, at the fizzygig shells as they fly,  
And the words that he sends to the people at home, are as very near blunt as they're few,  
For he's reading the proofs of a book, and a siege is, a bore when one's something to do.

But to quiet the fears of the folk overseas—all the wives and the sisters who care—  
He mentions he's holding his own and admits, that he's just got a little to spare.  
Of the bother of being bombarded all day, he complains rather much, for he tells  
That he doesn't mind burying dogs, but he's sick, of dodging ubiquitous shells.

In a drama the soldier with back to the wall, is tremendous, dramatic, sublime,  
A cricket-cap isn't the helm he affects, and he, don't smoke a pipe all the time,  
But a hero's a hero whatever his fads in fallals and rhetoric be,  
And the great British Public have recognised one, in the best of brave follows—B.P.

\* B.P. never smokes.

## Souvenir of the Siege.

BOOK of Photographs containing Photos of all Corps, Units, Forts, Ruins through shell fire, etc.  
Orders now being booked, or for Single Photos.

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FURNISHED apartment, with or without attendance.—Apply, stating terms, F., "Mail" Office.

FURNISHED ROOM wanted by an Officer.—Apply W.R.C., "Mail" Office.

W. R. CODRINGTON,  
Capt. I.L.H.

## PROGRAMME OF GARRISON SPORTS

TO BE HELD ON THE

## Recreation Ground,

— ON —

MAY 24th, 1900, QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY,

AT 2 P.M.

Under the patronage of  
Colonel R. S. S. Baden-Powell,  
Commanding Frontier Force.

## VICE PATRONS:

Colonel Mahon, D.S.O.; Lieutenant-Colonel Hore; Major Goold-Adams, C.B., C.M.G.

## COMMITTEE:

Starter: Lt.-Col. C. O. Hore.  
Judges: Col. Mahon, Lieut.-Col. Walford.  
Referee: Maj. H. J. Goold-Adams, C.B., C.M.G.  
Timekeeper: Capt. B. W. Cowan.  
Secretary: Capt. S. W. J. Sholefield.

Lady Sarah Wilson has kindly consented to distribute the prizes.

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- 8—Bolster Fight on Pole. Prizes. £1 & 10/-

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

## ST. ANTHONY'S, MAFEKING.

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No EVENING SERVICE.

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### THE Mafeking Mail.

FRIDAY, 25th MAY, 1900.

#### QUEENS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS.

The day so long looked forward to, was not to be remembered by the whole of relieved Mafeking. Looking back to that Friday evening in February, when the announcement was made that we were asked to hold out till May 24th, it is with a shiver we recall the feelings it created. Not that we believe there was one breast in the garrison in which fear of the ultimate result was engendered, tho' the most casual thinker recognised that the hardest part of the struggle was yet to come, but another hole was taken up in the waistband, and with set teeth we embarked upon another spell of the tedious weeks, and—it is over. Yesterday Colonel Baden-Powell reviewed the troops, and a lump came in one's throat and a mist over the eyes as one by one the different units passed by. Old Friends and New Friends, alas the many figures missing from the former, those who held the forts and those who drove the enemy away, there they were a proud sight for Mafeking and a proud day for Colonel Baden-Powell who protected her.

At twelve o'clock the Royal Salute, and after luncheon almost everybody assembled at the the Railway Station to welcome the provision train. Fuel and Flour, Men and Material, the real relief had arrived and the starvation bogie vanished. Eight of the men of the Bechnanaland Rifles who were cut off: Bell, A. E. Clow, H. W. Clow, Funnell, Patterson, Quayle, Robins and Woodthorpe returned by this train. Mr. Bissett, the General Manager of the Rhodesian Railway, came thus early to arrange about the re-opening &c., and hearty were the welcomes and greetings exchanged, as our brown men sprang from the train and gripped the hand of paler and thinner faced one on the platform. The sports on the Recreation Ground suffered a little in the attendance of spectators so many being drawn off to the station, but

the show was a good one. The names of the winners we hope to have in time to print to-morrow. In the evening Colonel Baden-Powell invited to a banquet at Dixon's Hotel all the officers and others who were connected with the defence and relief of the town and the following were present:—Colonels: Mahon; F. Rhodes; Plumer, Y and L; and White, Greder Gds., Lieut.-Colonels: C. O. Hore, S. Staffs; King, K. M. C.; Nicholson, 7th Hussars; Peakman; Spreckley; and M. B. Vyryan, Bulfs. Majors: Anderson; Baden-Powell, Scots Gds.; Lt. Cecil, Greder. Gds.; Edwards, 5th Dragoons; Godly, Dub. Fus.; Gould Adams; Hepworth, Hudson, Canadian Contingent; Kullie, Queensland Contingent; Panzera; Pollock; Weil; Sir J. Wilmoughby, Captains: Prince Alexander of Teck; Carr, Scot. Fus.; Cowan; Dunlop-Smith Vet. Dep.; DuPlat-Taylor; Greener, Chief Paymaster; Goodyear, Mckenzic; More; Wilson R.H.G.; Inspector Browne; Lieut. W. B. Allen, N.S.W. Bushmen Contingent; Currie; C. M. Mackenzie; His Lordship Bishop Gaul of Mashonaland. Revs. Father Ogle and W. H. Weekes. Dr. W. Hayes; Messrs Bell, C.C. & R.M., Bissett, Rho. Railways; Vere Street, G. N. H. Whales; F. Whitley, Mayor.

The menu which was as follows was exceedingly well prepared and reflects the greatest credit upon Mr. Winter. Although the difficulties of our present condition must have been a serious obstacle in the way of properly dining a large number, there was no fault whatever to find with the manner in which the meal was placed upon the tables:

#### MENU.

Hors d'oeuvres.

Ancho's Snymen.

Consommé Reins Victoria.

#### Entrees.

Tournedos Cronje.

Sauce Eloff.

Curry Baden-Powell à l'Indienne.

Riz Sec.

Poulet Stut (volé) an Mahon.

#### Rotis.

Selle de Mouton Transvaal, Sauce

Plumer.

Pauw

Legumes.

Entremets.

Baba au Dop.  
Boers on Toast.

Vins.

Scotch Whisky.  
Eau Melopo, Sec.

Colonel Baden-Powell, in proposing "The Queen," said there was a feeling amongst Englishmen, the strength of which was not known to themselves and which exhibited itself only at its fullest upon occasions like the present and occurrences like those we have passed through. This feeling is shared also to the uttermost corners of our great Empire as has been exemplified by Australia and Canada whose representatives are with us to-night. In reference to this Oom Paul has done us good service—he flashed the red rag and at it the old Bull has rushed. He, Oom Paul, never reckoned on the matadores and picadores who were round about, all ready to join in the fray, and make common cause, over which our Queen sat watching. No further words were necessary for him to add, our feelings were expressed in the two words of his toast "The Queen."

Then went up such a shout as only Britishers can give and the toast was drunk with an enthusiasm that did credit to the Empire, in spite of a siege diet.

The Colonel next proposed the health of Colonels Mahon and Plumer and the officers who assisted them in our relief. He made special reference to Colonels Edwards and King and Majors Huron and Nek, who came from Ladysmith all round the coast so expeditiously, to our assistance. He said he could not but mention also the names of Colonel Nicholson, who found food for us, he did not know how, Capt. Llewellyn, Capt. More and Lieutenant Wallis, who, with the armoured trains, took such a large share in our protection. In fact all concerned had acted as players in a regular game of football, everyone backing up the other, not with individual consideration, but playing so that the whole side won the game, and it was by this combination of effort that the game had been won.

Colonel Mahon, responding, thanked the Colonel and all present for the enthusiastic manner



in which they had received the kind remarks referring to both his and the Northern Column. He was sure it was a pleasure to him and his force to assist in the relief of a garrison that had made such a gallant defence as had the garrison of Mafeking, and he felt glad he was present with them on this occasion.

Colonel Plumer, in returning thanks on behalf of the Northern column, said he also was glad to be celebrating the Queen's birthday inside of Mafeking, instead of outside. Colonel Baden-Powell had made some remarks about the anxiety they had felt regarding the position of the defenders of this place and it would be easy to understand what a period of anxiety it had been for them. It might perhaps, have seemed a long time to those who were waiting here day after day, but he could assure them they were all the time "hucking up" their hardest to reach them. The special feature of the relief was the presence and the assistance of the Australians and Canadians. In the history of the war what would form one of the brightest pages, was the defence of Mafeking, culminating in that fight of the 12th and the defeat of the Boers. It was that which actually effected the relief of Mafeking. When we arrived we found a half-hearted foe to meet. We shall look back the whole of our lives with the satisfaction that were connected with the Relief of Mafeking.

Mr. Whiteley, the Mayor of Mafeking, next rose to propose the health of Colonel Baden-Powell. He said he had no doubt that toast had been, and would be, proposed thousands of times in towns all over the world where the English language was spoken, but we propose it with a special zest, as it was due to him that we are here instead of being in Pretoria. It was to the example and spirit of the Colonel Commanding the stand Mafeking had made was due. It was a source of pride to all who had taken part in the defence that they had done it in connection with Colonel Baden-Powell, and although everywhere there was a feeling of great admiration for him, here there is a personal feeling and ever afterwards shall we have regard for Baden-Powell as connected with Mafeking. There is one thing he should like to mention and that had been noted by our enemies when they perused certain letters they captured. There were plenty of remarks about the scarcity of provisions and comments upon the class of food we were compelled to exist upon, but never a word of surrender, and that was the feeling of everybody here throughout the Siege, and had we on the present occasion been unrelieved instead of relieved and our condition been ever so hard there would have been no idea of surrender. He knew

that the future career of Col. Baden-Powell would be watched by every one here with great interest (he was sure it would be a successful career), and we shall always consider Mafeking has a special interest in Colonel Baden-Powell.

Then there was another outburst enough to shake the remains of Dixou's Hotel and do it as much damage as the Boers' ninety-four pounders did.

Colonel Baden-Powell thanked them all for the kind way in which they had drunk his health, and said the Mayor had made out a very good case for himself and the town. As for him (the Colonel) he merely sat tight and waited. That was his instructions, and a soldier's duty was to carry out his instructions, but there were many who had done the work who were not soldiers. It was the townspeople here who took up arms in defence of the place, yes, and many who fell in doing it, it was to them the credit was due. He knew that in a place like this there were varying shades of politics and differences of opinion upon numerous subjects, but when the defence of the town was necessary, all these differences were sunk and all pulled together; that was the grand cause of our success, the whole place was bent upon one thing—holding out to the bitter end, and great credit is due to those who encouraged the townspeople to act in the manner they did. Credit is also due to Lieut.-Colonel Vyryan who not only built our defence works but raised and throughout took command, of the Town Guard, who all worked with him for the one end and aim. We must not forget to give credit also to the women and children whose courage and fortitude under the trying circumstances gave us courage and stimulated us. In this connection, to the Rev. Weekes, as well as to the Mayor, thanks are due, as they took special charge of them.

In response to numerous calls the Colonel Commanding rose and proposed the health of the Mayor of Bulawayo, whom we had to thank for the many kind messages of encouragement he had sent us.

The Hon. H. F. White, Mayor of Bulawayo, in reply, said he was not present in his capacity as Mayor of Bulawayo but only as a member of Col. Plumer's force, but he was glad of an opportunity to endorse the kind words Colonel Baden-Powell had used with reference to the Mayor and people of Mafeking. They all in Bulawayo admired the manner in which the garrison had held out. He was surprised to find the people in the condition of cheerfulness they were in, and he should inform his Council, on which there was a brother of the Mayor of Mafeking that he would live up to the standard set him here.

After a verse of Auld Lang Syne the company dispersed to witness a display of rockets in the Market Square, by Major Panzora.

Colonel Walford, Major Borrangé and Jackson were unavoidably absent.

## Transport Wanted,

FOR SERVICE, at the A.S.C., Isaacs' Yard. Mule or Donkey Wagons required for local work. Applications, stating terms to Lieut. McKenzie, B. T. O., Headquarter Office.

## Souvenir of the Siege.

BOOK of Photographs containing Photos of all Corps, Units, Forts, Ruins through shell fire, etc. Orders now being booked, or for Single Photos.

D. TAYLOR,  
Photographer.

Market Square,  
Mafeking.

## Lost or Stolen.

FROM the B.S.A.P. Barrack Room, a Bridle and Martingale, Curled Snafflebit, from a box belonging to Trooper P. Parish, the property of the late Captain Hon. Marsham.

## E. PLATNAUER, Auctioneer, &c.,

WILL sell to-morrow, Saturday, at 10 o'clock sharp, amongst other articles,

Stationary; A lot of Horns; Siege Stamps; A Splendid collection of Ferns and Plants, etc., etc.

## NO RESERVE.

Also a quantity of "Sparklets" and a £1 Siege Note.

## Auction Notice.

THE undersigned, duly instructed, will sell by Public Auction,

To-morrow, Saturday,  
AT 10 A.M.,

A large assortment of goods, consisting of:

Bentwood Chairs, Bentwood Lounge, Stove (complete), Bake Pots, Hand Cart, 2 sets Harness, Sewing Machines, Door Mats, Mattresses, Candles, Meat Safe, Enamelware, Patent Tilt. Lados and Childrens Clothing, Table Covers, Revolvers, Shells, &c.

## No Reserve.

Also a 6-seated Spider.

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Tuesday, May 29th, 1900.

### THE Mafeking Mail.

TUESDAY, 29TH MAY, 1900.

#### CONGRATULATIONS.

Her Majesty the Queen has sent the following telegrams:—

From Windsor Castle, To Col. Baden-Powell, Mafeking.

I and my whole Empire greatly rejoice at the relief of Mafeking after the splendid defence made by you through all these months. I heartily congratulate you and all under you, Military and Civil, British and Natives, for the heroism and devotion you have shown. V.R. & I.

To which the General Commanding replied:

From Baden-Powell. To The Queen, Windsor.

Your Majesty's most gracious message amply repays anything we may have suffered and heartens us to renewed efforts to uphold the honour of our Queen.

The Prince and Princess of Wales wired:

London, 21st. To Gen. Baden-Powell, Mafeking.

"Heartiest congratulations on deliverance and promotion."

His Excellency the High Commissioner telegraphed to H.H. Major Goold-Adams, the Resident Commissioner of British Bechuanaland:—

"Heartiest greetings and congratulations. In tremendous outburst of enthusiasm here at the relief of Mafeking the courage and endurance of a civil population are not forgotten. We hope population may soon be restored to health and see beginning of new year of prosperity. Please convey to the R.M., the Mayor, and other officials expression of my warmest thanks and heartfelt congratulations."

The Resident Commissioner replied as follows:—

Goold-Adams, His Excellency Mafeking. High Commissioner, Capetown.

May 27th—"Sincerest thanks for your telegram of 21st. All here have

only tried to do their duty to their Queen and country, and are deeply grateful to their fellow countrymen for the evident appreciation of the efforts made by civilian population in defence of this town. We all devoutly trust that your Excellency may have health and strength to continue at the helm till peace and prosperity are once again restored to South Africa."

The following telegrams have also been received by General Baden-Powell:—

From the Duke of Connaught: "Heartly congratulations."

His Excellency the High Commissioner:

"Relief of heroic defenders of Mafeking has been received with boundless enthusiasm here. The Colony and Empire owe you all immense debt of gratitude, as also to Plumer, Mahon and their men. Warmest greetings and congratulations to officers. We trust health of all is as good as could be hoped after great privations."

The Secretary of State for the Colonies:

"Accept my heartiest congratulations on relief of Mafeking, and my admiration of the splendid conduct of yourself and all with you."

Lord Lansdowne, War Office:

"Allow me to express the admiration with which I heard your great achievement. I congratulate you on your well earned promotion, and trust your health has not seriously suffered."

Lord Wolseley:

"Well done. Full of admiration for your noble defence. The Army at home send you and your gallant comrades heartiest congratulations. The Queen has promoted you Major-General."

The Viceroy of India:

"Bravo, Hero of heroic defence."

Commander-in-Chief, India:

"Heartly congratulations from army in India on relief after splendid defence."

Governor of South Australia:

"South Australia sends warmest congratulations on magnificent defence."

Newton, Lord Mayor of London:

"Citizens London relieved and rejoiced by good news just received."

Your gallant defence will long live in British annals. Cable me what money wanted for needs of Garrison and inhabitants after long privations."

Dickinson, Chairman London County Council:

"Accept from me in the name of four million Londoners our gratitude and admiration for Mafeking's glorious endurance."

The Lord Mayor of Bristol:

"The Lord Mayor and citizens of Bristol send hearty congratulations and warmly thank you and troops for glorious defence."

From Lady G. Curzon:

"Fund inaugurated by me at instigation of my sister has reached £6,000, which will be cabled to Standard Bank, Capetown, and placed at your disposal and discretion for distribution amongst the Nuns, small tradespeople, and white population generally of Mafeking. Communicate this my sister."

From Mrs. Ben Weil:

"Long looked for happy news at last arrived. All honour you. Heartly congratulations."

#### LATEST NEWS.

By the courtesy of the Major-General Commanding we are enabled to print the following:—

News received from General Hunter since Flying Column left.

Barkly West, 4th May, 1900.

Saturday, 5th May, 1900.—Hunter engaged and defeated the enemy at Rooibom. Enemy 2,200 strong under Assurgen. Captain Lovett, (R.W.F.), killed, Captain Mahon, R.F., wounded; 7 men killed and about 40 wounded. A heap of wounded Boers have since been found.

Sunday, 6th May.—Hunter moved to abreast of Warrenton. Enemy fell back.

Monday, 7th May.—Hunter moved to Fourteen Streams unopposed. Enemy beat precipitate retreat, leaving their ammunition wagons, etc.

Tuesday, 8th May.—Work on bridge and railway repairs.

Wednesday, 9th May.—Flying Column reported by native boy to be near Taungs on Monday, the 5th inst.

Thursday, 10th May.—Received a letter from Col Rhodes, delivered at Taungs on May 7th. Col Burn arrived with Scotch Yeomanry. He is still with me. Meyricks lot went back to Metheuu.

Friday, 11th—Enemy gathered at Christiana, Sweitzer, Reuke, Pudimo, and Bloemhof. In answer to an enquiry, Lord Roberts says that Metbeun and Hunter are to co-operate and attack Christiana.

Saturday, 12th—News from Mahon at Vryburg on Thursday, the 10th. Lord Roberts occupied Kroonstad. After further telegrams, enemy's strength reported as 4,500 at Christiana. I undertake to attack him next Thursday, and leave Metheuu free to move in Hoopstad, and support there Lord Roberts' left. (Numbers correct, but 2,000 rebels: trash).

Tuesday, 15th—Ninth Division enters Transvaal, enemy's scouts ahead. Buller occupied Glencoe and Dundee. He moved up by line of Yates' withdrawal. Our casualties reported small; said to be only 5.

Wednesday, 16th—Enemy fled from Christiana last night; Division disappointed. Sent Barton with Y.I.B.'s to Phokwani with one battery and Yeomanry. Moved rest back to Fourteen Streams to finish bridge and railway.

Thursday, 17th—Metheun at Hoopstad. General Du Preez, Commandant Daniels and 37 Boers surrender; rest gone to Klerksdorp and Wolmaranstad.

Friday, 18th—Deviation of the bridge complete to-night! men worked like the very devil.

Saturday, 19th—First train to Phokwani, and repaired to Taungs.

Sunday, 20th—Lord Roberts says Reuter, Lourenco Marques, reports Mafeking relieved. Mahon reports his successful fight on the 13th. I wire to Taungs to send on to Col Mahon that I shall be at Vryburg on the 24th, and to send to meet me. Make all arrangements for Mafeking sick and wounded to go to Kimberley. Train ready.

Monday, 21st—Received news through Taungs officially of relief. Bridge at Taungs completed.

Tuesday, 22nd—Newspapers say Kruger has sued for peace.

Wednesday, 23rd—Railand telegraph reached Vryburg, which is reached by Barton with Yeomanry and artillery and 2 Bns.

Thursday, 24th—Heaps of messages. One from Her Majesty for Baden-Powell. The single wire restored from here cannot take the work, and at same time do the railway work. I have told the P.M.G. to wire them to my care at Kimberley, and send them by post. For some days to come I must ask Mafeking to limit their messages to what

is essentially necessary from a military or political standpoint.

I enclose copies of last telegrams between Lord Roberts and me as to future moves. Needless to tell you all of the enthusiastic joy of the Empire at the relief of the heroic garrison. The relievers come in for their fair share of praise. Well done Mafeking! Bravo Mahon!

(Sgd.) A. HUNTER,  
Lieut.-General.

Vryburg, 25th May, 1900.

Colonel Plumer's Brigade is now about Zeerust with orders to reconnoitre, and take surrender of any Boers who may wish to lay down their arms; to prevent looting on part of whites and natives; to collect supplies, etc.

Colonel Edwards is doing the same *via* Louw's farm, towards Malmani and Polfontein.

Colonel King is covering the reconstruction of railway and telegraphs.

Force of Cape Police is moving through Maritzani and Setlagoli Districts rounding up rebels; preventing looting, etc.

## STAMPS.

**W**ANTED Capes surcharged Z.A.R., also Mafeking Siege issue.—HAWKINS, (Member Stamp En. Protection Society), Muden, Greytown, Natal.

## Fresh Butter

**A**T Town Dairy, next door Gaelic Bar.—A. Musson.

## TO LET

**F**URNISHED Cottage for Man and Wife, no children.—Apply C. WENHAM.

## Siege Stamps.

**W**ANTED to purchase in large or small quantities.—Apply CASSIM SULIEMAN, Hairdresser, Main Street.

## NOTICE.

Uitlanders who have taken part in the defence and upholding the honor of our flag are requested to meet at 3 o'clock on Wednesday (to-morrow) afternoon, in the large room at Dixon's Hot-1, kindly placed at their disposal by Mr Winter, with a view to strike some plan of expressing their appreciation of the gallant manner the Hero Colonel led them during the Siege.

## Mafeking Municipality

NOTICE No. 213.

### Election of Councillors.

**N**OTICE is hereby given in terms of Act 45, of 1882, that an Election to fill the two vacancies caused by the resignation of Mr. A. H. Friedo, and by the death of Mr. J. Dall respectively, will be held on Monday, the 18th June, 1900.

I hereby declare the day of Nomination to be Friday, the 15th day of June, 1900.

All nomination papers must be delivered at the Town Office, Mafeking, to the Town Clerk, before 4 o'clock in the afternoon of Thursday, the 14th day of June, 1900, in the form and manner prescribed by Section 50, of Act 45, of 1882.

Dated this 26th day of May, 1900.

(Sgd.) F. WHITELEY,  
Mayor and Returning Officer.

Town Office, Mafeking.

(Temporary office on Mr. Bradley's Stoep).

## Mafeking Municipality

NOTICE No. 214.

**I**N accordance with a resolution passed by the Council, I beg to call a Public Meeting of Inhabitants to be held at the Court Room on

TUESDAY, MAY 26TH, 1900,

At Eight p.m.,

for the purpose of considering the desirability of, in some form, expressing the Town's appreciation to Col. Baden-Powell, Officer Commanding Her Majesty's Forces in Mafeking, for his services during the recent Siege.

(Sgd.) F. WHITELEY,  
Mayor.

May 26th, 1900.

## Mafeking Municipality

NOTICE No. 215.

### Re-opening of Market.

**N**OTICE is hereby given that by permission of the Major-General Commanding, the Morning Market will be re-opened on and from Wednesday morning, 30th May, at 7-30 a.m.

For the present the Market will be held in front of the Marketmaster's house (immediately adjoining Messrs. Whiteley, Walker's store).

Dated this 29th day of May, 1900.

J. R. ALGIE,  
Town Clerk.

Town Office, Mafeking.

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### THE Mafeking Mail

WEDNESDAY, 30TH MAY, 1900.

#### CONGRATULATIONS.

From Lord Roberts:

"Please accept, yourself, and convey to all ranks under your command, my warmest congratulations on the magnificent defence you have made for more than two hundred days, finishing off, as it did, with the grand success obtained on the 12th of May. You have indeed nobly upheld the honour of the British flag, and the whole Empire is proud of you. I rejoice that the Queen has been pleased to give you the well earned rank of Major General. Tell all the inhabitants of Mafeking how much their courage and fortitude are admired, and how greatly the devotion and heroism of the women during a long and terrible period of trial are appreciated."

Mayor & Corporation, Capetown:

"Capetown greets you and your heroic garrison upon the relief of Mafeking. Your magnificent defence is the admiration of the Empire and the world and all loyal subjects of Her Majesty rejoice that during the long and anxious days of the Siege you have maintained thro' almost untold difficulties, hardships and sickness; the honour of the Empire and have upheld the prestige and added lustre to the glorious traditions of British arms. Citizens received on Saturday the news which has been officially confirmed and are joining heartily in returning thanks to Almighty God, and are loyally demonstrating their delight at the receipt of the intelligence. Most hearty congratulations on the recognition by Her Majesty in conferring rank of Major General."

Mayor, Port Elizabeth:

"The following resolutions were unanimously passed to-day:—

"That we, the inhabitants of Port Elizabeth, in public meeting assembled, receive with feelings of great joy and thankfulness the long wished for news of the relief of our fellow subjects and garrison of Mafeking. It is with pride and admiration that we speak of the gallant and heroic defence of Col. Baden-Powell and his brave men, and of the patience, courage and fortitude displayed by the inhabitants throughout

the long and persistent Siege. We also tender to Colonel Baden-Powell and the beleaguered soldiers and citizens our sincere good wishes on their release, feeling that they have one and all, by their brave deeds, added lasting lustre to the fair fame of the British realm; that copies of the resolution he sent to his Excellency the Governor, Colonel Baden-Powell, and the Mayor of Mafeking."

Earl Grey, Bulawayo:

"Following cables received from London:

"Well done! Our joy and relief exceeded even yours."

H. Wilson-Fox, Bulawayo:

"London is delirious, warm congratulations yourself, Godley, Felt-ham, and whole garrison."

B.S.A. Company:

"Directors of B.S.A. Company convey to you an expression of their deep thankfulness at the glorious end of your heroic resistance, and their admiration of the fortitude and pluck displayed by the people of Mafeking. Your stand has saved Rhodesia."

The Governor of Natal:

The Mayor of Maritzburg requires me to send you the two following messages, the first begins: "Citizens of Maritzburg send you their heartiest congratulations on termination of lengthened siege of Mafeking, and tender their tribute and admiration of the noble conduct of yourself and those who took part with you in upholding so well the honour and glory of the nation." Second, "Children of Maritzburg send respectful congratulations. Your glorious achievement will ever live in our memories and act as an incentive to self-denial, courage, and endurance."

Among the congratulatory telegrams received, that from the Craddock Debating Society adds: "Greet our townsmen, Wellman and Bailey."

That from the Mayor of Jamheroo: "Is John King safe?"

There is a rumour about town that a congratulatory message of the "I-always-told-you-so" kind has been received from Mr. Schriener, the anti-British Premier. We hope it is not true. Firstly, because we would not like to think that a man of his ability would give way to the vulgar

failing of making claim to retrospective perspicacity. Secondly, because although he proved so antagonistic to Imperial interests, we always regarded him rather as a man with no knowledge of men, and therefore easily misled and made the tool and puppet of astute plotters, than a wilful betrayer of his trust, and we should regret if our opinion of his honesty of purpose should receive such a shock as it would receive if he sent hypocritical expressions of congratulation upon our defeating the designs against this place which he was so instrumental in fostering and the attempted execution of which he so perseveringly assisted. And lastly, because Mafeking wants no communication with a man who, whether willfully corrupt or stupidly befooled, was equally guilty of endangering his country's interest.

#### PRESENTATION TO THE GENERAL COMMANDING.

##### A COMMITTEE FORMED.

A meeting convened by the Mayor, in accordance with a resolution passed by the Town Council on Friday afternoon, was held in the Court Room last evening.

Mr. Whately, who presided, said the meeting had been called in consequence of representations made to the Town Council by numerous inhabitants that it would be advisable to give the public of Mafeking an opportunity to express their views upon the subject of presenting to Major-General Baden-Powell some token of their appreciation of the excellent services he has rendered the town. It would be superfluous to urge the claims of Major-General Baden-Powell upon our gratitude, as everyone recognised the value and worth of what he has done for us. He did not think it would be possible for the meeting to decide to-night upon the form that the expression of these regards should take, but they would like to hear the views of some of those present, and he moved the following proposition:—

"That the inhabitants of Mafeking, in public meeting assembled, decide to make a public presentation to Colonel Baden-Powell in appreciation of, and deep gratitude for, the prolonged, brilliant and successful



services rendered by him whilst in command of the Town and Garrison of Mafeking, during the recent Siege."

Mr. H. Martin rose to second the resolution. He said he had not come prepared to make a long speech, nor did he consider it necessary. If there was one man the people of Mafeking should honour it is General Baden-Powell, and that we all recognise. No man in South Africa would deny that we owe him the deepest debt of gratitude for the work he has done for the people here during the past seven months, and he was certain they would all support the Mayor in his proposal.

The proposition was carried with great enthusiasm.

Mr. Winter proposed:—"That a committee be formed to collect subscriptions to defray the costs of presentation. And that such committee report the result of their labors and suggest in what form they consider the presentation should be made, to a public meeting of inhabitants, to be held as early as possible."

This was briefly seconded by Mr. Werner.

Mr. De Kock, whose name was one of the first proposed, said that he regretted that he felt unable to stand, as he would be very busy looking after the rebels. His hands would be quite full with the numerous cases, and he was very keen upon seeing that justice was meted out to them.

After some discussion the following nine gentlemen were nominated the committee:—The Mayor, Mr. H. Martin, Mr. L. Schreiber, Rev. W. H. Weekes, Mr. J. Winter, Captain Cowan, Captain More, Rev. Father Ogle, and Mr. Werner.

#### A PUBLIC MEETING TO BE HELD TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF THE REPUBLICS AND THE TREATMENT OF REBELS.

Mr. De Kock then asked permission to speak upon another matter. He said it was considered by many people that Mafeking ought to express its opinion upon two important subjects. He referred to the future of the two Republics and the treatment of rebels. (Loud cheers.) He did not think it advisable that a meeting should have been held before the siege was raised, but now the world would know that our hands were free, and he thought a meeting should be called. He concluded a telling speech by moving that the Mayor should arrange that a public meeting be held as early as possible for the purpose.

Mr. H. Martin seconded the resolution in a humorous speech.

The Mayor said he had already been approached upon the subject, but it was not within his province to take the sole initiative in a step of the kind. Had a meeting been asked for, or if it had been asked for in the manner prescribed by the Municipal Act, he would have great pleasure in calling one.

Upon the suggestion of Mr. De Kock, His Honor accepted the resolution, it being a sufficiently representative meeting, as such an application, and promised it should be done on the earliest possible day.

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Mayor.

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#### Cart & Horses for Hire

By the Hour or Day.—Apply to

W. A. HAMPSON.

#### Complete Sets of the "Mafeking Mail" Siege Slips.

WE cannot supply any more sets until some paper comes to hand, as several numbers are quite out of print. When we obtain a fresh supply, similar to that we were forced to use during the Siege, we shall be able to make up nearly another hundred sets. For these we will book orders for delivery about July next. Carriage free in Great Britain or the Colonies, price 30/- cash with order. The set includes Nos. 1 to 147, and will be wire-stitched together.

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Mafeking, 28th May, 1900.

#### Rates of Telegrams.

REGARDING half-rates of messages which are now allowed as an indulgence during the campaign, to officers and men; if addressed to the care of the General, Capetown:—The charges must be collected by military officers and credited to the Chief Paymaster through the nearest sub-accountant. Messages must be franked by a staff officer and copies kept for record.

#### STAMPS.

WANTED Capes surcharged Z.A.R., also Mafeking Siege issue.—HAWKINS (Member Stamp En. Protection Society) Muden. Greytown, Natal.

#### Fresh Butter

AT Town Dairy, next door Gaelic Bar.—A. MUSSON.

#### To Let.

FURNISHED Cottage for Man and Wife, no children.—Apply C. WENHAM.

#### Siege Stamps.

WANTED to purchase in large or small quantities.—Apply CASSIM SULISMAN, Hairdresser, Main Street.

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No. 152

Thursday, May 31st, 1900.

## THE Mafeking Mail.

THURSDAY, 31st MAY, 1900.

### LATEST NEWS.

#### Johannesburg is now occupied by the British.

By the courtesy of the Major-General Commanding we are enabled to print the following:—

Col. Plummer and Col. Edwards are successfully pacifying Marico and North Lichtenburg districts.

Col. Edwards' regiment, the Imperial Light Horse, have been added to Major-General Baden-Powell's Frontier Force.

Over two hundred burghers have already surrendered their arms and availed themselves of our protection. Bands of armed natives intent on looting Boer farms are being stopped and apprehended by our men. Large supplies are being collected.

Col. Edwards has been appointed Commissioner, pro. tem., of these districts, and the command of the I.L.H. will be resumed by Col. Woolls Sampson, who has recovered from his wounds and is en route to rejoin.

Zeerust and Ottoshoop have been connected by telephone with Mafeking.

The railway and telegraph are being pushed south most energetically by the Railway Division from Mafeking under Captain More. Hope to complete by the 4th.

The men of the garrison, though feeble after their long privations, are picking up strength with extra food, and it is hoped will be ready to take the field so soon as remounts can be got up for them.

It has lately come to light that the original plan of the Boers at the beginning of the war was—after taking Mafeking—for a large portion of the investing force to move North, picking up the various commandoes which had already been sent on as advanced guards to seize the main drifts over the Crocodile for them, and to invade Matabeleland in overwhelming strength. The retention of their main force before Mafeking prevented this, as it also delayed

Cronje's reinforcing the investing force at Kimberley.

### CONGRATULATIONS.

From Messrs. Critchley, Salmon, Harrison and all friends, Manzinyana:—

"Heavy engagement last night. Both you and Mafeking bombarded with congratulatory toasts and shelled with heartiest wishes from five p.m. until twelve. Our loss: 12 dead Maritzes and three men missing from breakfast. If these turn up by lunch, being reinforced by neighbouring mines, repetition of last night expected, only more so. What ho! Who said Eloff?"

Judge Vincent, Bulawayo:

"At a great public meeting held to-day of which I was Chairman, the following two resolutions were, with immense acclamation and unanimity, passed:—

First begins: "That the following message be sent to Colonel Baden-Powell: The inhabitants of Matabeleland desire to convey to you and to every member of your garrison their heartiest congratulations on the relief of Mafeking, and to express to you their appreciation of the signal services you have rendered in stemming the tide which threatened invasion to Rhodesia. They have watched with pride the resource, the energy, and the fearlessness with which you have met and overcome every difficulty, and they honour you for the example and untiring patience and intrepid courage which you have set the men and women of the beleaguered garrison as they honour them for the heroic way in which they have followed your example; they beg you to accept their most sincere and heartfelt congratulations."

Second begins: "That in token of the strong feeling of indebtedness entertained by the people of Bulawayo towards Colonel Baden-Powell for his magnificent defence of Mafeking, a memento be presented to him and that for this object a subscription list be opened and subscriptions received at the Town Clerk's office."

The Administrator moved first, seconded by Colonel Heyman.

W. H. Haddon moved second resolution, seconded by J. E. Scott.

### TOWN COUNCIL.

The first meeting since the siege was held on Friday last, the Mayor presiding. Councillors Clucas, Early, Gerrans, Winter, and Mr. Algie (Town Clerk) were present.

#### TWO VACANCIES.

The resignation of Mr. Friend, received on October 5th, was read, and a resolution carried; thanking him for past services.

#### DEATH OF COUNCILLOR DALL.

His Worship the Mayor alluded in sympathetic terms to the sad loss of their colleague, who was killed whilst on active service in the defence of the town, and eulogised in a feeling manner the sterling value of deceased. It was unanimously resolved that a letter of condolence should be addressed to Mrs. Dall and that the funeral expenses should be defrayed from the municipal funds.

There are thus two vacancies on the Council with reference to filling which it was decided to take immediate steps.

#### CONGRATULATORY TELEGRAMS.

A number of wires, already published in these columns, were read. It was arranged that their acknowledgement should be left in the hands of the Mayor and the Town Clerk, and resolved that all further telegrams should be entered on the minutes of the Council and handed to the local paper for publication for the information of the ratepayers.

#### THE COMPENSATION QUESTION.

The Mayor next introduced this important subject, saying he thought that it was necessary that steps should be taken to bring the matter on as soon as possible. It was considered desirable that their claim should be carefully considered and made in a lump sum. It therefore remained for them to examine the question and decide what sum it is necessary to ask. The authorities had promised him that it should be arranged to bring the claims of the municipality on at the very start when the commission is appointed. He thought the public should have a voice in a matter of this kind, although the Town Council were responsible, yet it would be desirable to get at the opinion of the people, as it is an affair running into many thousands of pounds.

### WAITER.

Wanted at once.—Mafeking Hotel.



Mr. Gerrans had not heard any-one give an opinion upon the value of the damage done.

Mr. Winter said it was rather difficult to form any idea till they went into it minutely.

During some discussion the sum of £25,000 was approximately stated as the probable result of a more minute examination [a figure we think will prove to err on the side of moderation].

Upon the question of a presentation to Colouel Baden-Powell, the meeting held on Tuesday evening was resolved on, with the result as reported yesterday.

It was also decided that an address should be drawn up, illuminated and presented to Col. Mahon and Lieut-Col. Plumer, in the following terms:—

The wording of the address, and remainder of meeting, will be in to-morrow's slip.

**SUBSCRIPTION LIST**  
— FOR —

**Public Presentation**  
— TO —

**Maj-General R. S. S. BADEN-POWELL,**

In appreciation of, and deep gratitude for, the prolonged, brilliant and successful services rendered by him whilst in command of the town and garrison of Mafeking.

**COMMITTEE:**  
(as appointed by Public Meeting held on 28th May, 1900.)  
Messrs. F. Whiteley (Mayor), Capt. B. W. Cowan, H. Martin, Captain J. R. More, Rev. Father G. Ogle, L. Schreiber, Rev. W. H. Weekes.  
**TREASURER:** Mr. P. Werner.

The Committee will be glad to receive subscriptions for the presentation referred to above, and for this purpose a List will be placed on the counter at the Standard Bank, and another List will lay with the Town Clerk at the Town Office (temporary office on Mr. Bradley's stoep). In order to facilitate collection the Committee desire that subscribers will pay amount of their subscription at the time that they put their names down on the list.

The Committee have resolved that subscriptions be limited to a maximum sum of £10 10s., and only inhabitants of Mafeking who have been in town during the Siege, are asked to subscribe.

**F. WHITELEY, Mayor,**  
Chairman of Committee.  
Town Office, Mafeking,  
May 31st, 1900.

**BIG BEN CAFE.**  
**ELI COHEN**

**WILL** open the above in a few days (on the Market Square, between Mr. Friend's and Mr. Wirsing's stores).

**NOTICE.**

**I**T is notified for Public information that from Sunday, 3rd June, all persons other than those actually bearing arms in the Garrison or employed directly under the Imperial Authorities, will obtain their rations by purchase, at the several stores, or at the Butchery and Bakery which will be established in Mr. Fiecham's old premises.

All questions appertaining to Rations, so far as above-mentioned parties are concerned, should in future be referred to the Town Clerk, Mr. Algie, and not the Imperial Authorities.

**Stamps for Sale.**

Colouel Baden-Powell's head, small.  
Yellow 3d., surcharged 6d.  
Mauve 3d., surcharged 6d.  
Two Shillings.  
-What offers to:

"PHIL" This Office.

**Mafeking Municipality.**

**NOTICE No. 213.**

**Election of Councillors.**

**N**OTICE is hereby given in terms of Act 45, of 1882, that an Election to fill the two vacancies caused by the resignation of Mr. A. H. Friend, and by the death of Mr. J. Dall respectively, will be held on Monday, the 18th June, 1900.

I hereby declare the day of Nomination to be Friday, the 15th day of June, 1900.

All nomination papers must be delivered at the Town Office, Mafeking, to the Town Clerk, before 4 o'clock in the afternoon of Thursday, the 14th day of June, 1900, in the form and manner prescribed by Section 50, of Act 45, of 1882.

Dated this 26th day of May, 1900.

(Sgd.) F. WHITELEY,  
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